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"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20

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## LIQUOR and Teen-Age CRIME

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Teen-age crime in America is more than a national disgrace. It is a national calamity. It is a national disaster. It is a national threat. FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover calls it America's most frightening national problem. He calls it an "emergency," a "crisis" that threatens the very future of our nation. He describes it as a "decadence disease" which has contributed to the ruin and downfall of so many of the bygone civilizations.


About 150,000 children under 17 years of age spend at least one night each year in jail, another 500,000 are brought before juvenile courts, and more than a million have some conflict with the police annually.

### Daily Bill of Fare

But look at the atmosphere surrounding them and their daily bill of fare. Daily papers feature as front page headline news startling stories of rape, murder, arson, killings, robberies, violence, vandalism, hoodlums, mobs, gangsters, and thugs. The rankest of foulness, filth, and lust are dished out to them in magazines and publications they gather from the corner news stand. Theatres, radio and television play up crime and glorify fightings, killings, and lawlessness.

The seven Los Angeles TV stations were monitored for one week, and a tabulation of crimes presented before 9 p. m. showed 192 attempted murders, 161 murders, 83 robberies, 60 "justifiable killings," 24 conspiracies to commit murder, 21 jail-

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## CHRIST

### Seeking Sinners

By Evangelist D. L. Moody  
(Died 1899)

"The son of man came to seek and to save that which was lost."—Luke 19:10.

To me this is one of the sweetest verses in the whole Bible. In this one little short sentence we are told what Christ came into this world for. He came for a purpose. He came to do a work; and in this little verse the whole story is told. He came not to condemn the world, but that the

world through Him might be saved.

A few years ago the Prince of Wales came to America, and there was great excitement. The papers took it up, and began to discuss it, and a great many were wondering what he came for. Was it to look into the republican form of government? Was it for his health? Was it to see our institutions? or for this, or for that? He came and went, but he never told us what he came for. But when the Prince of Heaven came down into this world, He told us what He came for. God sent Him, and He came to do the will of His Father. What was that? "To seek and to save that which was lost."

You cannot find any place in Scripture where a man was sent by God to do a work in which he failed. God sent Moses to Egypt to bring three millions of bondmen out of the house of bondage into the Promised Land. Did he fail? It looked, at first, as if he were going to. If we had been in the Court when Pharaoh said to Moses, "Who is God, that I should obey him?" and ordered him out of his presence, we might have thought it meant failure. But did it? God sent Elijah to stand before Ahab, and it was a bold thing when he told him there should be neither dew nor rain; but didn't he lock up the heavens for three years and six months? Now here is God sending His own beloved Son from His bosom, from the throne, down into this world. Do you think He is going to fail? Thanks be to God, He can save to the uttermost, and there is not a man in the world who may not find it so, if he is willing to be saved.

I find a great blessing to myself in taking up a passage like this, and looking all around it, to see what brought it out. If you look back to the close of the eighteenth chapter, you will find Christ coming near the city of Jericho. Sitting by the wayside

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Dr. Sam Morris

## Beauty and the BEAST

By Evangelist Hugh F. Pyle  
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"Now the name of the man was Nabal; and the name of his wife Abigail: and she was a woman of good understanding, and of a beautiful countenance: but the man was churlish and evil...."—I Sam. 25:3.



the case in those days.

At any rate they lived in a duplex—morally and spiritually. She a good woman, he a bad man; she devout and dainty, he dour and destructive.

She loved and believed in the Lord.

He had no use for God and loved only himself!

He died with snakes in his boots, turned to stone, and went to Hell, while she lived to marry nobility and grace the pages of the Bible as a glowing tribute to the providence of God forever!

What a picture of the saved and the unsaved — Beauty and the Beast.

"He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life" (I John 5:12).

"The Lord knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish" (Ps. 1:6).

First, take a look at the beauty, Abigail. Then we'll look at the beast of a man she married.

In Abigail we see a picture of a redeemed soul.

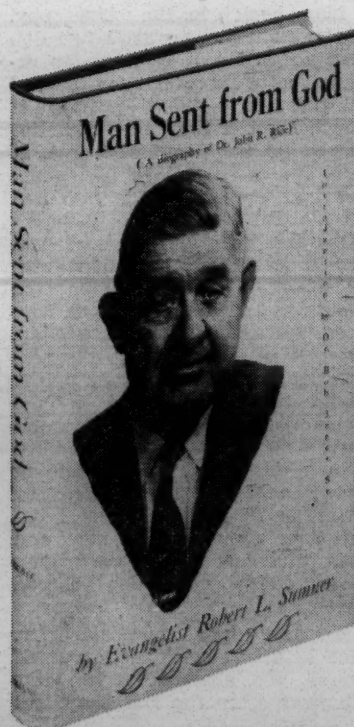
We discover the truth in her very name. Abigail means "father is joy." The Hebrew rendering is "cause of delight." It speaks of a gift from the father. The very life she had was a gift from God and she knew it. "... What hast thou that thou didst not receive?" (I Cor. 4:7). "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father..." (Jas. 1:17). Had she not already visualized God's "unspeakable gift"? The Bible plainly declares that the "gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Rom. 6:23). If you will receive this gift and live in fellowship with God you will indeed become a "cause of delight"

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## Rice Biography Free

Life Story of the Editor, by Evangelist Robert L. Sumner, Free...

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You have seen announced in THE SWORD OF THE LORD, and many have already purchased, the new biography, the life of Editor John R. Rice, called *Man Sent From God*, 224 pages, written by Evangelist Robert L. Sumner, associate editor. Now we are glad to announce, by special agreement with publisher Wm. B. Eerdmans, that we are able to offer this big life story of the editor, free with subscriptions.

The regular subscription price of THE SWORD OF THE LORD is \$3 a year, or in Canada and foreign countries, \$3.50. That is less than a week for Christian reading for the whole family! But now, you may not only get the subscriptions at the regular price, but with two yearly subscriptions for \$6, you may have Mr. Sumner's book, *Man Sent From God*, free.

Or with four yearly subscriptions for \$10, you may have the new biography free. (That is \$15.50 value for only \$10!)

Or you may have ten yearly subscriptions and the new biography free.

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This is the strange case of a man who turned to stone! The man was a fool. He had been smart enough to get rich, smart enough to marry a beautiful woman, smart enough to become "very great" (v. 2), but this man became a moral beast and turned to stone under divine vengeance.

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST! A beautiful woman of wisdom, and a rude, crude, cruel husband. How the story is repeated again and again today!

Why did she marry him? (How many times do you hear that question asked!) Perhaps Abigail thought she could reform him by marrying him, as many foolish girls think, later to regret their folly. Or, maybe her husband was picked out for her as was often



Rev. Hugh F. Pyle



D. L. Moody



# Can We Believe the Claims of the Bible?

By Evangelist John R. Rice

Recently I had a letter from a man who had read my booklet, *Verbal Inspiration of the Bible and Its Scientific Accuracy*, and was dissatisfied in that I gave what the Bible itself claimed as to its inspiration. He also casts reflection upon the importance of the evidences I gave of the scientific accuracy of the Bible. Here I give my answer, with quotations from his own letter. I hope the answer will be helpful to all who are interested. The Bible can be believed. Any honest heart who is willing to do the will of God when he finds it, willing to trust the Saviour when he sees who the Saviour is, willing to worship and obey God when he finds the Bible is God's authoritative revelation, may come to know for himself and without a doubt that the Bible is the infallible Word of God. I beg the reader to take to heart this thought and see for himself. But here is my letter to the unbeliever.

Dear Mr.—:

I have your letter of November 7 and am glad to answer it. Thank you for writing.

I will deal with about four of the matters mentioned, and am sorry that I will not have time to do more than a brief study at this time.

1. You suggest the proposition that "if God had chosen to favor us with any unique message of His own, He would likewise have provided us with some adequate means of identifying it as such." That is, you say, "either He wants us to know or He doesn't." That general proposition surely is right and fair, except in certain modifications. Let us say rather that to a man who seeks God and wants to know God and wants to do God's will, God would surely be under obligation to reveal Himself and His will. But I do not see how God would be under any obligation to press upon a wicked and perverse mind truth that the mind does not specially want to receive. I do not see why God would be under any obligation to reveal Himself to a person who does not want to do right, and would not do the will of God if he knew it. Actually there is a clear Bible doctrine, clearly revealed in the Word of God, that men who do not want to do God's will and do not follow what light they have, are turned over to a reprobate mind. Romans 1 tells of the degeneration of the race from its original knowledge of God and it explains the origin of savagery and barbarism. Heathen people did not ascend from brute creation, but they left a light which was once given to the race in Noah's time and went into darkness, much as even the civilized world went into the darkness of the Dark Ages. If you will read Romans 1:18-32 carefully you will see this teaching clearly given. And verse 28 rather sums it up, "And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient..." Truth has a moral

quality. The search for truth requires a certain humility of mind, a certain willingness to follow the truth wherever it leads, and to believe whatever is clearly proven. So there are great truths of God which the carnal mind cannot receive as long as it is at enmity with God, unwilling to follow God, unwilling to live by the truth that it would seek to know as a mere matter of scientific information. But "draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you" is a clear promise of the Word of God (Jas. 4:8).

Now, thank God, He has made very clear the evidence of the inspiration of the Word of God. But just as an arrogant disposition and determined prejudice can keep a man from success in any scientific investigation, so a willful and perverse disposition, an enmity toward God in the heart, closes one's mind to spiritual truth. God is under no obligation to reveal the authority of the Bible to men who despise the authority and would not live by it, if they had it.

2. You object that in my pamphlet, *The Verbal Inspiration of the Bible and Its Scientific Accuracy*, I "cited passages as though referring to the inspiration of the Bible as a unit..." I am sorry to think that you read that pamphlet very carelessly. It is too bad that you did not take the question seriously enough to get the information I plainly gave. I showed that Paul's writings claimed definitely that they were given word by word, by divine inspiration. I showed that the book of Isaiah claimed word for word inspiration, the book of Ezekiel, the book of Jeremiah. I showed that Jesus Christ Himself authenticated all the Old Testament canon of Scripture. And no matter how little you think of the canon of Scripture, Jesus Christ Himself knew the Old Testament canon which had already been formed, and He went into great detail to specify that it was all the Word of God. "Moses and all the prophets"

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## INCIDENTS

and Illustrations



By Evangelist Robert L. Sumner  
Contributing Editor

### New Names

The Associated Press recently reported that residents of Formosa who do not like their names have been given a year of grace to change them. Former regulations barred name-changing but so many complained of the names chosen by their parents that the special year's privilege was announced. Some of the names objected to were *Little Dog*, *Wine Bottle*, *Big Head* and *Small Cat*.

All of this is reminiscent of the Saviour's promise to overcomers in the Pergamos church, "To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give them a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it" (Rev. 2:17).

The National Safety Council reported that our country's 1958 accident toll was as follows: 91,000 killed and 9,100,000 injured at a cost of 11 billion, 900 million dollars. The Council also reported that one out of every nineteen persons in the United States suffered a disabling injury sometime during 1958.

### Tobacco Poison

A chain-smoking state senator in South Dakota authored a bill which would have put a skull and cross bones emblem on South Dakota's cigarette tax stamp. The bill passed the state senate by a vote of 18 to 16 and was sent to the house of representatives where it died without a debate. The man who introduced the bill was Senator Don Stransky, a Democrat, and he stated that it is his strong personal conviction that tobacco has a bad effect on health. It is this columnist's opinion that a skull and cross bones emblem would be very timely on every pack of cigarettes sold—not only in South Dakota, but in all the world.

Yet the past few months have brought a rash of newspaper reports about babies smoking cigarettes. A two-year-old son of a Peoria, Illinois, divorcee, Mrs. Lawrence Smith, has picked up the tobacco habit and she says she "can't seem to break him of the habit." Every time she tries, he screams until he gets his "moke." Mr. and Mrs. George Dowling, of Providence, Rhode Island, have two cigarette-sucking sons, one of them age six and the other age two. Both have been smoking since they were fifteen months old. One wonders why authorities do not take such children away from their parents—certainly they have proved themselves to be unfit parents in allowing such a habit. For the children's sake, whose immaturity absolves them from blame in this matter, authorities should either take the children away from the parents or the parents away from the children. Perhaps the latter would be best!

### Americans Go to Church

More people are going to church now than ever before, according to the latest Gallup Poll. Its findings indicate that 50,500,000 U. S. adults attended church during an average week in 1958. That is 49 per cent of the total adult population. Not surprising was the report that more women (55 per cent) faithfully attend worship than men (45 per cent), but it may be of surprise to some that Midwesterners (54 per cent) attend better than those in the East (52 per cent) or in the so-called Bible Belt of the South (51 per cent), or the far West (35 per cent).

Incidentally, the 49 per cent of adults in this country who attend worship in an average week far surpasses that of Great Britain where only 14 per cent of the adults attend church in an average week, or in Australia where the adult attendance percentage is 32 per cent.



## LITTLE CONFESSION!

MY BOSS recently asked my ideas on a May-June Sword subscription campaign. THERE I SAT GRINNING LIKE A CHESSY CAT!

That seemed so simple, because for weeks all I had thought about was that much-hoped-and-longed-for Rice biography, *MAN SENT FROM GOD*, written after months and months of research by Sword contributing editor, Robert L. Sumner—now ready in time to be included in this campaign. Since one of my many duties is to head the retail department, I am always looking for ways and means to distribute our books as widely as possible. Now here was my chance!

Seemingly reading my mind, Dr. Rice, with less enthusiasm than I was displaying, complained, "It is hard to promote a book written about myself."

"No need to worry. Just decide about the subscription offer, and as long as you agree to give the biography free with subscriptions, I'll try to sell them on the boss!"

I didn't know what I was in for! My idea of a good campaign was the \$3.50 book with subscriptions at the regular rate. I didn't know that he was planning to reduce the subscription price at the same time—\$3.50 book, and a cut-rate price on subscriptions also! Now I was about ready to suggest a less expensive item. But before I could offer another suggestion, the campaign was on!

Dr. Rice has written about that elsewhere in the issue. Back to my job—describing the biography.

First, about the author of the biography. As you well know, we grow older with the years. Dr. Rice has passed the three score... For years a biography of Dr. Rice has been mentioned—first by this one, then that one. Always was the problem of who to write it. His life's story certainly ought to be known—in fact, it must be. As several discussed it from time to time, we could think of but one whom we thought could do it adequately, aside from Dr. Rice himself. Should it be an autobiography, written by Dr. Rice before

### Crystal Ball... With Chains!

The trouble with fortunetelling seems to be that those who profess to be able to tell the future for others—for a fee—cannot seem to see clearly in the crystal ball for their own benefit. By way of example, a Dallas fortuneteller landed in the jail house the other day because she couldn't foresee that the two strangers who appeared at her "mental science" studio for a "reading" were vice squad men. It was only after she had given one a "reading" with cards for a two-dollar fee that she belatedly learned their identity.

A St. Louis fortuneteller got into the same difficulty when she accepted a one dollar fee for advice she gave a lady who turned out to be a policewoman. Incidentally, the fortuneteller's advice to the policewoman was "not to trust anyone" and that she "would have to work hard for anything she wanted." It was the second time in two months that the St. Louis madam had been unable to detect the presence of police.

The Word of God to Israel seems timely here: "When thou art come into the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not learn to do after the abominations of those nations. There shall not be found among you anyone that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch, Or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer. For all that do these things are an abomination unto the Lord: and because of these abominations doth the Lord thy God drive them out from before thee. Thou shalt be perfect with the Lord thy God. For these nations, which thou shalt possess, hearken unto observers of times, and unto diviners: but as for thee, the Lord thy God hath not suffered thee so to do" (Deut. 18:9-14).

the Lord called him Home? But when would he ever find the time to do it? One person, and the only one we could possibly think of, capable of this task, was a man who had followed Dr. Rice's ministry closely through the years, had worked with the Foundation for several years, was still contributing editor and a full-time evangelist. Would he undertake it? Did he know enough about the editor's early life to really make it a life's story?

Unknown to us, this very man had already completed the biography. Two years ago, on the day Dr. Rice suffered a brain concussion, Robert L. Sumner was on his way to show the first draft of the biography to Dr. Rice. This was the person we had in mind all the time! Even then he had already spent months in research, and on this day, when he was unable to talk with Dr. Rice personally, he showed me the chapter titles of the biography he had entitled *MAN SENT FROM GOD*! Finally Bob did get back to Wheaton to spend some time with Dr. Rice, and to get a long interview and added information needed.

Already years of study of Dr. Rice's early life had gone into the first draft; now for the past two years Bob has gathered more data from every source possible and in these 224 pages of book type, has done a most unusual job.

I do not know anyone who stands more closely to Dr. Rice's position than Bob Sumner, nor any one who has studied his ministry more. He has been my own personal friend for years. I have called, and still call on him for a thousand and one things all the time—with never one refusal. Though he is in full-time revival work, he helps me tremendously in the puzzle department, in advice about retail sales, in book reviewing, etc. In fact, when I don't know something—which is frequent—and if Dr. Rice is too far away to consult, I call Bob, who seems to have all my answers. And if I ever by mail ask Bob to do something for me, it is back in my hands by return mail done in splendid fashion. I esteem him most highly—a man of great talents and ability as well as a tremendous preacher of the Gospel, and a man of deep convictions, one capable of handling such a project as a biography of the editor.

Now back to the biography. About eight months ago when Bob sent to us the first draft for review, both Dr. Rice and I read it through without putting it down. I got it first, then Dr. Rice picked up the pages after me. It read like a novel! We both marveled at the knowledge Bob had of his subject, of the research which had gone into the book, and how accurately he had put together chapter after chapter the events in Dr. Rice's life—his boyhood, his schooling, his courtship, his call to the ministry, his persecution, etc. As Dr. Rice read he would comment, "Where in the world did Bob get this information?" Or, "How could he have known this about me—something which happened forty some-odd years ago?" And methinks I detected a choked voice now and then, and saw a tear drop upon some pages containing sacred memories!

Knowing how particular Dr. Rice is about every detail, I, of course, was anxious for his first comment after the last page had

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## Editor's Notes

These notes are written Friday morning, April 24, in the Cosmopolitan Hotel at Denver. Last night Dr. Bob Jones and I were in Durango, in Southwestern Colorado, at the First Baptist Church. God blessed the services there with family altars established, with many pledging themselves to win souls. We were up at 5:15, had breakfast, and left for the airport at 6:15. The DC3 two-motor airplane of the Frontier Air Lines took us to Denver. Over the rough mountain country the wind made the air very rough. I dozed a bit after a blessed time with the Word of God, finished I Samuel and into II Samuel. Meantime Dr. Bob Jones sat on the back seat so he could get out quickly to rush to the first service this morning at Denver where he speaks. (I speak this afternoon). So he found it easy to talk to the hostess. She had taken training as a Catholic, was deeply concerned, and he won her to Christ and is sending her THE SWORD OF THE LORD. I was so glad to meet her.

### One Day to Rest and Pray and Travel

Today our services, morning, afternoon, and night, are at the Rocky Mountain Lake Baptist Church in Denver, Rev. Wayne Sawtell, pastor. But I have no engagement tomorrow. So I will get to rest and read and pray. Then after 4:00 I will take a plane to San Francisco and Stockton, California. Sunday morning I will be preaching at the Calvary Baptist Church in Stockton, Rev. John R. Siemens, pastor. Sunday night I will preach at Arcade Baptist Church, Sacramento, California. On Wednesday Dr. Jones and I will have a conference for pastors and Christian workers for the Oakland-San Francisco Bay area at the Foothill Boulevard Baptist Church, Dr. G. Archer Weniger, pastor. Dr. Weniger is on the Sword Co-operating Board and a noble man of God and we will have a great hearing there.

I will be with Brother Clyde Martin in Ontario, California, on Tuesday, will speak Wednesday, April 29, at Central Baptist Church, Anaheim, California, Dr. Bob Wells, pastor. Then on Thursday at South Arcadia Union Church, Arcadia, Glenn Zachary, pastor, and on Friday at Central Baptist Church, National City. Then home, God willing, on Saturday to finish up copy for THE SWORD OF THE LORD and preach on Sunday at Calvary Baptist Church at Wheaton.

Everywhere I go I find God is stirring up the hearts of people to be faithful and true, to win souls, to oppose modernism. And everywhere I find a large percentage of the crowd made up of readers of THE SWORD OF THE LORD.

### That Biography: I Am Anxious to See It Too

Elsewhere you will read of the book, *Man Sent From God*, a biography of Editor John R. Rice, written by Evangelist Robert L. Sumner, associate editor. Some of the manuscript I have not read and of course I am anxious to see this finished book. I have a very natural concern about the biography. Will the blessings of God on this poor servant inspire other young men in poverty and lowly station to launch out and trust the Lord? I hope so. And I wonder if those who read will really enter into that little prayer meeting I had under a chaparral bush down in the brakes in West Texas? And will people understand that surrender to preach made in Pacific Garden Mission in Chicago? Will they enter into my answer to God's call for an evangelist in 1926 when I left the pastorate, gave up my insurance, disavowed any regular salary, and launched out with only two engagements? And that time when I stayed on my face till 2:00 in the morning in

## Kefauver Comments on Crime Problem

WASHINGTON—Speaking before the Methodist Board of Temperance, Senator Estes Kefauver said:

"According to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, crime costs this nation \$20 billion a year. Twenty billion is five times the amount America will spend this year for scientific research in the vital field of missile weapons and space exploration.

"It is 140 times greater than the amount asked by the Administration to implement the National Education Defense Act.

"For every dollar contributed to churches, \$10 will be spent against crime.

"Indeed, it might be observed that although crime may not pay, it most certainly costs."



By Aunt Joy

### Abdul Khan's Diamond

By Aunt Theresa

Last summer I visited my Uncle Pete who teaches a Missions course in a Bible school on the East Coast. We were sitting in his office, when I looked out and saw a dark-skinned boy scrubbing the floor in the corridor.

"Say, he's a swell looking fellow," I said. "But he's got an ugly scar on his cheek."

"Abdul Khan is a big help around here," said Uncle Pete. "I'll never forget the first time I saw him in north Arabia. I was sitting with my back against a palm tree, my sun helmet pushed back on my head. My native helpers were watering the camels of our caravan. I was just sitting there thinking how lovely this touch of green was in the midst of the desert; how refreshing the water was in the midst of the hot sands.

"I looked up and saw several horsemen galloping toward us. If you've never seen Arabian horses on a desert stretch, I don't know whether you can picture how beautiful they are. They're the most graceful horses in the world and they're swift. They are also intelligent and very spirited. The riders wore turbans and long, flowing robes and they were carrying long spears. As the Arabs

drew rein near me, the horses reared back on their hind legs. Quick as a flash, one man dismounted and walked over to us. He saw that I was an American so he talked in slow but perfect English.

"Peace to you," he said. 'Abdul Khan, son of Hassan Ali, saw the camel train and bade us stop and wish you good day.'

"When I heard the man say Abdul Khan, son of Hassan Ali, I looked up quickly. Abdul Khan was only a boy of twelve, but he was known in all Arabia. His father, Hassan Ali, was one of the richest sheiks in that whole land. He had great herds of sheep and a whole fleet of the fastest Arabian horses in the desert. Hassan Ali also had a thousand fighting men that would draw the sword at his word. It was said he had saddles studded with diamonds, pearls in baskets and other precious stones in caskets in his tents. Hassan Ali was a strict Mohammedan and he knew his holy book, the Koran, from cover to cover.

"I was curious to see a boy who could ride better than any man on the desert, who lifted his hand and a thousand men rode to battle at his bidding, who held his

the Roseland Y. M. C. A. in Chicago and promised God we would bring back city-wide campaigns in America—will people be thus encouraged to trust the Lord and expect great blessings? I hope so.

At any rate, what I want most of all is that people will get subscriptions to THE SWORD OF THE LORD and we are glad to give the biography free, 224 pages, cloth-bound and jacketed, with two yearly subscriptions for \$6 or with four yearly subscriptions for \$10 or with ten yearly subscriptions for \$20.

I am praying much about these subscriptions and I hope to hear from thousands of you soon. Will you help me spread revival fires, defend the faith, build up young Christians? I know how God uses THE SWORD and I plead with those who believe the Bible and are burdened about soul winning and defense of the faith to help me get this word out widely. You 22,000 preachers who get THE SWORD—will you do a preacher's part, my preacher brother, and help get subscriptions? You could get ten subscriptions for \$20 in one service, and then get the biography as a free gift. Will you do it?

(Note from Dr. Rice's Secretary: Remember, to the first one thousand who send subscriptions during the campaign, I promised you that Dr. Rice would autograph his biography for you. But only to the first one thousand. Hurry! Viola Walden.)

### The "Voice of Revival" Radio Broadcast Notes

We have just added another station for the "Voice of Revival" chain broadcast. You can hear us now from Leavenworth, Kansas. Soon we will be, God willing, on the new radio station of the Bible Institute of Los Angeles. We are negotiating with several other radio stations.

head high and who was afraid of nothing.

"Tell the son of your leader, Abdul Khan, that Pete Hanssen of Roseville, U.S.A., whose ancestors were Vikings, bids him welcome."

"The Arabian who had lighted from his horse to talk to me went to the boy and delivered my message in the beautiful Arabian language. Abdul Khan raised his arm in greeting and talked quickly in Arabic to the man, who turned to me and said, 'Abdul Khan would make speech with you, Pete Hanssen of Roseville, U.S.A., whose ancestors were Vikings.' I had been teasing about that Viking part, although my grandparents had come from the land of the Vikings; Abdul Khan had taken it all seriously. So I got serious myself. 'Tell Abdul Khan I would like very much to talk to him.'

"He wishes to talk to you privately," said the man.

"Tell him my native helpers are busy with the camels. If he wishes, we can sit under this palm tree and talk. But say, I can't speak Arabic," I said.

"Oh, Abdul Khan speaks well the English language. He was tutored well in that language before he accompanied his father, Hassan Ali, to England," replied the dark-skinned Arab.

"So Abdul Khan and I sat under a palm tree in the middle of the desert and talked. I had gone to school in the United States and I thought I knew English, but he spoke it much better than I. I guess I stared at the huge diamond ring on his finger, while we were talking, for he held it up to the light and said, in beautiful crisp English, 'There is no finer in all Araby. It is a gem fit for a king. The dark continent of Africa has given the world much beauty and much heartache.' And then I nearly fainted, for he said with a

near American twist to his tongue, 'Almost knocks your eyes out, doesn't it?' Who was this boy, son of a sheik, rich, powerful, and proud, who spoke perfect English that could be accepted in the King's court and at the same time knew American slang? Then he told me that during the war some American G. I.'s had been stationed in this part of the world, and he had spent quite a bit of time with them.

"When the Americans were here," he went on to say, 'there was one that nearly everybody laughed at. They called him Preacher, but he told me some things I have never forgotten, and he gave me a book, the like of which I had never before read. Perhaps you are a reader of the Book?' questioned Abdul Khan.

"What book do you mean? I've read lots of books," I said, although I was almost sure I knew which Book he had in mind.

"Abdul Khan came closer and whispered, 'It is the Christian's Bible. I had one but my father in a fit of anger burned it.'

"Oh, you mean this Book," and I took my New Testament out of my pocket.

"Abdul Khan quickly stepped closer to me and hid my hand holding the New Testament under his flowing robe.

"I have talked with every American I have seen this last year, since the longing for the Book took hold of me, and you are the first one that had one.

## Voice of Revival for Kansas City

The "Voice of Revival" half-hour weekly radio broadcast can now be heard in the Kansas City area over Radio Station KCLO, 1410 KC, Leavenworth, Kansas. Listen at 3:00 to 3:30 p.m. every Sunday to hear Dr. John R. Rice preach and to hear the blessed music of the radio revival choir, duets by Joanna and Joy Rice, plus many other special features. Invite your friends and neighbors to listen to this soul-winning and revival ministry!

Tell me, do you believe in and follow the teachings of the Book? he asked eagerly.

"Abdul Khan, do you mean, am I a Christian and do I believe that the Lord Jesus Christ is the Son of God and that He died for my sins? Indeed I do!"

"His piercing dark eyes lit up with a heavenly light. And he said in deep, reverent tones, 'God be praised. We are brothers. I have found a believer at last.' Then he went on, 'I know that Book must be precious to you, but for it I would give this diamond ring.'

"Hold on," I said. 'You can have it for nothing. I'll get myself another one when I get to headquarters.'

"But Abdul Khan would not take the Book for nothing. He was a proud Arab and he made me take his beautiful diamond ring. I couldn't wear such a valuable ring in the desert—I didn't have a thousand men to protect me from robbers like Abdul Khan had. So I fastened the ring to my undershirt.

"As I handed him the New Testament, he hid it in the folds of his robe, saying, 'God bless you, kind sir. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. I shall remember to pray for you that God will bless you in your journey and make you a blessing.' With one leap he mounted his horse, raised his hand in farewell, shouted a command to his men and rode away into the desert. I would have thought it was all a dream, except that my Testament was gone and in my possession was the most beautiful gem I had ever seen.

"Sometimes I'd feel the diamond against my skin as I rode through the desert and I'd breathe a prayer for Abdul Khan. I knew if he openly confessed Christ his father would disown him and he would become an outcast. I just couldn't imagine Abdul Khan an outcast, having nothing and with no chance to get anything. The Mohammedans despised those who reject the Koran as the Holy Book and those who turn away from Mohammed to Christ. They hold firm to the belief that there is but one God, Allah, and Mohammed is his prophet.

"Two years later I happened to be in Mecca, the center of Mohammedan worship. Pilgrims from all parts of the Mohammedan world throng to this place, for they believe they will be specially blessed by coming there to worship Allah.

"I stopped at one of the stalls (Continued on page 11)

## Dr. Bob Jones SAYS:



Three years ago, a young, unconverted, married man came to Bob Jones University. On the opening night of school, this young husband was converted. Three weeks later, his wife was converted. Since then, his father and mother, a brother, and a sister, and the man's wife's father and mother have been saved.

My friends, you will never know how much God is doing through the contacts of Bob Jones University. We know the Lord brought this school into existence and trained it for this day. I have

told you over and over again that you can have a real part in the work we are doing. First, you can pray for the school every day. Second, you can invest some of the Lord's money in the institution. Third, you can turn to the institution the right kind of young people who can be trained for the right kind of leadership. Won't you let us hear from you? Thank you, and God bless you.

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# Bob Jones University Standing True

By Evangelist Walt Handford, Assistant Editor

"The great danger we are facing today educationally in Christian schools is the same danger we are facing elsewhere—the effort to go along with the tide and not to make enemies; to build friends by compromise with the truth," commented Dr. Bob Jones, Jr., in a recent interview with me. Dr. Jones is president of Bob Jones University of Greenville, South Carolina, largest in the world of the fundamental Christian schools. Dr. Jones was concerned that there are comparatively few Christian schools in America with nation-wide influence that are standing firm in these days of compromise. He further stated that he believes compromise is a greater danger than modernism or neo-orthodoxy, since compromise leaves the students with a confused mind.

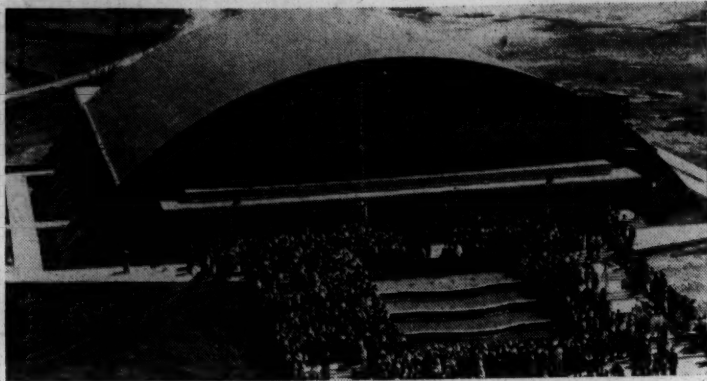
## A Fortress for Historic Christian Faith

At Bob Jones University the approximately 2,800 students (including some 300 in High School) are being taught the clear scriptural position on separation from modernism. The administration considers that the school is a fortress of the faith—committed to defending the basic foundation upon which the school was established; that is, the authority of

strengthen what character they have when they come to us. The fact that they can stay four years at Bob Jones and not fall by the wayside or get expelled is a pretty good indication they have some character in the first place."

## Safeguards to Keep the University True

Historically, most of the colleges and universities across our land were started as Christian institutions. But history pens for us the sad story of how most of these institutions have departed from all of the basic doctrines of the Christian faith. Recognizing this danger, unusual safeguards have been taken at Bob Jones University to protect the school against going liberal in the future. In the first place, the University creed is written into the charter which can never be amended, modified, or changed. The charter containing the University creed is included along with the bylaws and is registered with the Secretary of State in Columbia, South Carolina. Therefore, neither the bylaws, the charter, nor the creed can be changed or modified legally. Every faculty member is required to sign the creed every year. Some years ago the senior class asked for the privilege upon



Part of a crowd of approximately 4,000 people shown gathering for the dedication of the new gymnasium at Bob Jones University.

moral ruin. He thought there was need for a school that stood firmly for the Bible as the Word of God with a soul-winning emphasis. There were other schools in those days that did stand firm, but almost none of them had strong evangelistic emphasis and at the same time high academic standards. The school then was established to keep the emphasis on the authority of the Word of God, and at the same time have a strong emphasis upon evangelism and soul winning which includes the missionary emphasis also. At the same time the school seeks to balance it with culture.

## The Soul-Winning Emphasis

The emphasis is kept on soul winning all the time. The students are taught that it is not enough simply to defend the faith, but there must also be the aggressive, earnest soul winning which God commands. The point is constantly driven home that it is the chief business of every Christian to win souls. Many of the students go out on week ends to preach and witness in neighboring communities.

Every ministerial student must sign up for the summer extension course in which he has to preach one sermon a week. It has to be a new sermon and he must send in the outline. The student is required to speak to at least one person every day about his soul, visit in one home a day, and fill reports have to be made weekly on this activity. The school feels that a boy who is not willing to win souls and to try to talk to someone every day about his soul is not fit to be a preacher.

I have found in my evangelistic ministry that Bob Jones University graduates are doing an unusual job wherever they go. Most of the best soul-winning churches in which I have ministered have been pastored by Bob Jones University graduates.

Many Bob Jones graduates have made an outstanding record. Dr. Tom Malone, pastor of the Emmanuel Baptist Church of Pontiac, Michigan, and president of Midwestern Baptist Schools is a B. J. U. graduate. The Sunday School in Emmanuel Baptist runs an average of about 1,500 per Sunday. Dr. Monroe Parker, president of Pillsbury Conservative Baptist Bible College in Owatonna, Minnesota, received his training at B. J. U. Other Bob Jones graduates who have made unusual records are Dr. Henry Grube, president of Greystone Christian School and pastor of The Tabernacle in Mobile, Alabama; Dr. Linton C. Johnson, president of Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee; and Rev. Kenton Beshore, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Oceanside, California.

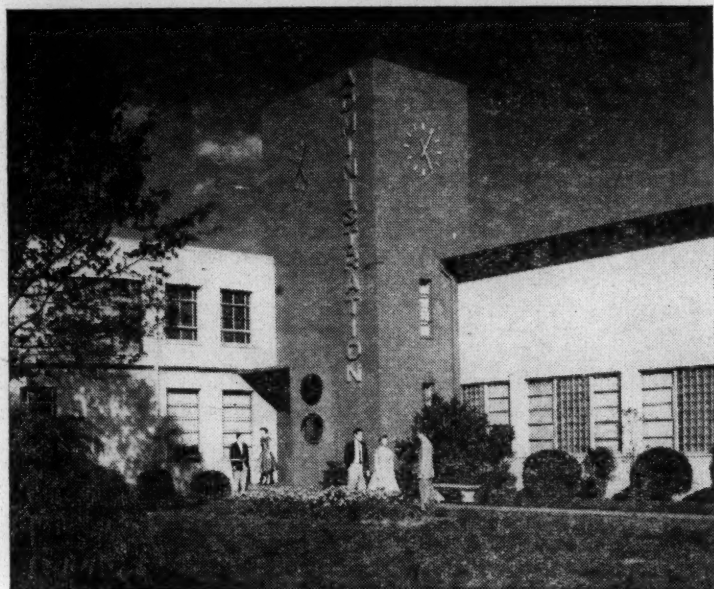
## 2,800 Students on 20 Million Dollar Campus

Dr. Jones tells me that the University matriculated 2,500 this year plus about 300 in the academy. Prospects look bright for next year with over 100 more students signed up for next year than were pre-enrolled at this same time last year. Approximately 1,000 of the 2,500 students are training for the ministry. There are between 250 and 300 faculty and staff members.

Bob Jones University occupies one of the most attractive and modern educational plants in America. Buildings on the 150-acre campus are valued at over 20 million dollars. A new gymnasium costing \$350,000 has just been dedicated. It contains two basketball courts separated by a folding door which opens up to make one large court seating about

2,400 people. The gym also contains a regulation olympic-size swimming pool. The plans are drawn for a new science building on which construction will likely begin in May.

The teaching program of Bob Jones University is carried on in five schools: the College of Arts and Science, the School of Religion, the School of Fine Arts, the School of Education, and the School of Commerce. A bachelor's degree is offered in each of the five schools; a master's degree can be secured in the School of Religion or the School of Fine Arts, and a doctor of philosophy degree is available in the School of Religion.



The administration building at Bob Jones University.

Unusual facilities are available on the campus for instruction in radio, speech, and music. Radio Station WMUU which broadcasts daily with regular commercial standards is operated with Bob Jones personnel. Unusual Films, a Christian film organization under the direction of Mrs. Katherine Stenholm, has a sound stage and very up-to-date equipment right on the campus. The Bowen Collection of Biblical Antiquities and the University Collection of Sacred Arts located on the campus are open to the public and hundreds of visitors are given guided tours each year.

## Educationally Front Rank: Spiritually Independent

Bob Jones University on the basis of its financial income, its equipment, and its academic standards could make necessary adjustments to qualify for membership in any educational association, regional or national. It is their sincere conviction, however, that the type of institution which they are operating can accomplish more for the cause of Christ by not holding organic membership in such an educational association. Though not holding a membership in an accrediting organization, Bob Jones University graduates are accepted in graduate schools all over the country.

The basic cost for a year at Bob Jones University is unusually low—\$810 for tuition, room and board, and matriculation fees for a full year.

Bob Jones University is an interdenominational school with students from over eighty different Christian groups attending. The school is doing an outstanding job of training young people with evangelistic passion, a thorough education, and unusual convictions for the cause of Christ.

Anyone who would like further information or a catalog may address your request to the Registrar, Bob Jones University, Greenville, South Carolina.

## Daylight Saving Changes Time for Voice of Revival

Now that daylight saving time has begun in about half of the nation, the "Voice of Revival" may possibly be heard at a different time in your area. Radio Station WLS, 890 KC in Chicago, is now operating on daylight saving time, which means that in areas without daylight saving, the broadcast is heard one hour earlier than previously. In areas of the eastern United States where daylight saving time is in effect, the program will still be heard at 12:00 midnight over WLS. Areas in the eastern time zone where daylight saving time is not in effect the program is now heard at 11:00 p.m. each Sunday evening. Listeners in the central time zone can hear the broadcast over WLS at 11:00 daylight saving time or 10:00 central standard time. The program is heard over the same station at 9:00 mountain standard time for listeners in that area.

You can have a real part in this ministry by inviting many of your friends to listen each Sunday night to Dr. Rice and the "Voice of Revival."



Dr. Bob Jones, Sr., founder, and Dr. Bob Jones, Jr., president of Bob Jones University.

the Word of God, a proper reverence for the Word of God, and complete obedience to the Word of God. Anything which waters down these basic truths or seeks to destroy them is a spiritual menace and as such is clearly pointed out to the student body. Dr. Jones considers that the function of Bob Jones University as a fortress for the defense of the faith also necessitates that the fortress be a basis from which an attack is made upon the enemies of the fundamentals of the faith.

The administration at Bob Jones University has taken such a strong stand against the compromise which new evangelicals would have us make, and the faculty has aggressively lined up in support of that scriptural stand. The school philosophy that "it is never right to do wrong in order to get a chance to do right" is vigorously taught in the classroom as well as from the chapel platform.

When asked whether the graduates as a whole are continuing with the vigorous defense of the faith which they were taught in school, Dr. Jones replied, "Most of them will stand true. But there are always a few that will sell out, because they will go along with some program that is unscriptural. First they tell themselves they don't have to compromise and then bit by bit they do compromise. And then there are some naturally (we have a very few like this, but there are always some) who just don't have the spiritual stamina to stand and to fight the opposition. They will finally give way just for lack of strong character. But what we try to do is to

graduation of signing the creed with a statement that if at any time the school should depart from the faith and anything should be taught at the school which was contrary to the creed, the graduates of the school might go to court and get the teacher fired and if that failed, close the institution. But possibly more important than the legal protection which the school has sought to take for the creed is the constant aggressive emphasis from classroom and platform of the principles contained in the creed. The administration recognizes that the school could continue to be technically correct in its doctrinal stand and still be cold and dead. Therefore, the positive emphasis on the historic doctrines of the faith is constantly maintained.

Some years ago a man applied for a teaching position at Bob Jones. He had been on the faculty of a modernistic denominational school and claimed he was tired of the modernism. He signed the creed at Bob Jones University and expressed himself as being happy to be in that atmosphere. When in the first week, however, this teacher made statements in class which reflected his modernistic background, he was immediately dismissed.

## Why the School Was Founded

Dr. Bob Jones, Sr., founded Bob Jones University in 1927 in Florida. In his evangelistic ministry Dr. Jones had run across many young people who had lost their faith while in college (sometimes church schools), and having lost their faith they had gone into

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## G.A.R.B Annual Meeting

The 28th Annual Conference of the GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF REGULAR BAPTIST CHURCHES will be held in Rochester, Minnesota, June 22-26, 1959, in the Mayo Clinic Auditorium. This is the first time the Association has met in Minnesota and a record attendance is expected. Reservations should be made in Rochester hotels as soon as possible.

Guest speaker this year will be Dr. John Walvoord, President of Dallas Theological Seminary, Dal-

las, Texas, who will be bringing prophetic messages on Thursday morning and Friday evening. The keynote address will be delivered by Dr. R. T. Ketcham, National Representative of the Association, on Tuesday evening.

Other evening speakers include Evangelist Robert Sumner on Monday evening; Rev. Milton Arnold on Wednesday evening, and Dr. Robert L. Powell on Thursday evening.

For complete program and other information regarding hotels, etc., write to the G.A.R.B.C. HOME OFFICE, 608 South Dearborn, Suite 848, Chicago 5, Illinois.

## Dr. Machen and the Choice of a Seminary

The distinguished Presbyterian scholar and fundamentalist defender of the Christian faith stated the following in an address published in *The Christian Beacon* of January 29, 1959, entitled, "The Church of God":

"A student is deciding which seminary he will attend. One seminary has ousted

from its control those who were standing for Christ, and has conformed to the current of the age. It is characterized by an orthodoxy of a nice easy kind which never causes unpleasantness, an orthodoxy which permits a man to sit side by side with Auburn Affirmationists on judicial commissions which rule all troublesome doctrinal issues out of court. Now our student, with Christian parents' teaching not yet altogether forgotten, may not altogether like an orthodoxy such as that. He may have a notion that it is dangerous. He may prefer an orthodoxy of a somewhat more vigorous kind. But there is one thing about that seminary. It is the seminary that you should attend if you want afterwards to get a church. What, under the circumstances, is the thing for that student to do? Why, obviously, says he, it is to go to that seminary, but preserve, when

he is there, his independence of mind. Has he not been born again? Cannot a man who has been born again resist a bit of middle-of-the-roadism in his seminary course, and even put a bit of a middle-of-the-road label on himself in the shape of a seminary degree, and yet stand vigorously for the Gospel when he comes out? There we have it again. Join forces with those who compromise with unbelief in order that afterwards you may win a vantage ground whence unbelief may be more effectively attacked; do just a tiny little bit of evil in order that untold good may come!"

There are no crown-wearers in Heaven that were not cross-bearers here below.

—Spurgeon

## Liquor and Teen-Age Crime

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breaks, 15 kidnappings, 6 dynamitings, 2 cases of arson, and 2 instances of physical torture.

The crime category on programs especially earmarked for children included 52 attempted murders, 15 murders, 7 "justifiable killings," 3 mass killings by gangland shooting, 3 conspiracies to murder, 2 kidnappings, and countless threats to kill, sluggings, scenes of mob violence and lawlessness.

### The Pay-Off

The pay-off has been an ever-growing crime wave among teen-agers. The juvenile population has increased approximately 22 per cent since 1952, but juvenile arrests during the same period have risen 55 per cent. In 1957 teen-agers under 18 comprised 53 per cent of all arrests for major offenses against property. They accounted for 67.6 per cent of all arrests for auto thefts, 54.6 per cent of all arrests for burglaries, 51.3 per cent of all arrests for larceny, 45 per cent of arrests for receiving stolen goods, 26 per cent of arrests for robberies, 25 per cent of arrests for violation of liquor laws, 19.8 per cent of arrests for rape, 7.8 per cent of arrests for assault, and 6.4 per cent of all arrests for criminal homicide.

Writing in the *This Week Magazine* for October 1958, J. Edgar Hoover of the FBI tells us that in recent years reports on youth crimes have indicated a mounting savagery, a senseless brutality that makes one's blood run cold and that the appalling rise in juvenile crime is equalled only by the increase in violence and brutality displayed in the commission of such crimes. He says:

"Blind, senseless brutality! No conscience! No sense of right or wrong! Violence for the sake of violence! This is the frightening face of juvenile crime in its most terrible form."

### Liquor Looms Large

Liquor looms large in this moral downgrade of American youth. A recent article from the United Press reporting spot checks its representatives had made in key cities of the nation stated: "A good looking boy about 18, tanked up on beer . . . This is your juvenile delinquent."

One of the two examples of nightmarish criminality cited by J. Edgar Hoover was that of three young hoodlums "who had been drinking beer for hours."

### Juvenile Judges Interrogated

I was invited and appeared before the Kefauver Senate Committee investigating Juvenile Delinquency. Preparatory to my appearance before that Committee I wrote a letter interrogating judges of juvenile courts all over America as to the part liquor played in the teen-age cases coming before them. I received letters from about 1,200 out of 1,500 to whom I wrote. Their replies were uniform in naming beverage alcohol as the major culprit. Many estimated 50 per cent. Many more simply replied that it was a factor in a majority of cases. A lot of them were specific.

### Judges' Replies

From the Fourth Judicial District in Minneapolis the reply was 60 per cent.

From Live Oak, Florida, the reply was 60 per cent.

That was the answer from South Bend, Washington.

From Staunton, Virginia, the Judge wrote: "Fifty per cent involved drinking directly, and another 25 per cent indirectly."

The Juvenile Judge in San Luis Obispo, California, replied that 56 of the last 77 boys and 21 of the last 43 girls tried, involved liquor.

The judge in Cortez, Colorado, wrote that seven out of ten cases in his court involved liquor.

From Jonesboro, Louisiana, the judge of Claiborne, Bienville and Jackson parishes estimates that liquor was directly or indirectly connected with 75 per cent of the cases.

From Campbell County, South Dakota: "75% or more caused by drinking."

The judges in Eagle River, Wisconsin, in Ponca City, Oklahoma, in Juneau, Wisconsin, and in Brookings, South Dakota, all said 80 per cent, while the Judge of Juvenile Court in Birmingham, Alabama, which handled 2,473 cases in 1955, said that from 80 to 85 per cent of all cases he handles involve liquor directly.

Judge Russell Brumfield of Nicholasville, Kentucky, wrote, quote: "In my opinion, 95 per cent of juvenile delinquency is caused by alcoholic beverages."

From New Castle, Virginia, the judge of the Trial Court of Craig County wrote, quote: "Alcohol is the root of 95 per cent of all cases that reach the court docket, including juvenile, domestic relations, criminal and civil cases. Practically all family affairs that lead to trouble come from alcohol." Close the quotation.

From Stevens Point, Wisconsin, a Juvenile Judge who handled 137 cases during the 12 months prior to June 4, 1951, declared that in those cases involving juveniles from 14 to 18, quote: "drinking was always a factor."

From Adams County Probate Court in Council, Idaho, the answer was likewise "all cases." And from Castle Rock, Colorado, came the reply, quote: "In the past six months I have had 17 cases of juvenile delinquency, all hatched in the local 3.2 beer joint." Close the quotation.

### Parental Examples

Judge Elmer K. Daugherty, judge of the District Court of Iowa in Wapello County, placed his index finger squarely on the point of the problem when he wrote:

"At the present time women walk into the State Liquor Store and buy liquor as nonchalantly as they enter a grocery store to buy groceries. The example is set before the children by both Dad and Mom to go to the beer parlors or in some way get liquor to drink. It is legal for parents to get liquor in beer parlors or go to the liquor store to buy all kinds of whisky and wines, and Junior can't see why it isn't as fair for him to drink intoxicating liquor as it is for Dad and Mom."

Judge Raymond T. Gerhardt of the Juvenile Court in San Antonio, Texas, declared that for every one case coming before his court involving dope there were a hundred cases involving liquor. And he, like Judge Daugherty, pin-pointed the problem on mothers:

"Drinking is a social accomplishment on the part of the mother; it is an offense on the part of the child. Try to rationalize that if you can and get it across to a sixteen-year-old kid that what Mama does is a social grace, but when he does it, it's penalized by the juvenile courts. That's our problem."

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### Lack of Religious Instruction

Another question I asked the juvenile judges that I interrogated was as to what part religion played in the lives of the youngsters coming before their courts. I had not expected much but I was amazed that on an average less than 5 per cent of juvenile cases involved youngsters with religious background and training. Judge Sam Davis Tatum of the Juvenile Domestic Court in Nashville has declared:

"The help of the church is absolutely essential in dealing with delinquency. Of the approximately 13,000 youngsters and their families who have appeared before me as the judge of the Davidson County Juvenile Court, I have noticed an almost total lack of religious influence in their lives.

"Of all these only two families and their children went to Bible study and church services regularly. Only 91 of the children did so. The fathers and mothers and children of Davidson County who honor God and attend His services did not have children in the juvenile court as delinquents."

—The End—

## With the Evangelists

By the Editor

**EVANGELIST JACK YOST**, Route 2, Berwick, Pennsylvania, recently held a 15-day meeting in the First Methodist Church in Cumberland, Maryland, where Rev. Everett W. Culp is pastor. During the series 1 came for salvation and several for restoration and assurance.

**EVANGELIST BOB EATON**, 96 East Boulevard, South, Pontiac, Michigan, was in the Kent City First Baptist Church March 22-29. Rev. Gordon H. Roloff, pastor, reports 23 first-time decisions for Christ and 11 rededications.

Evangelist Eaton also conducted a seven-day meeting in the First Baptist Church, Big Rapids, Michigan, where Rev. E. Ralph Davidson is pastor. There were 27 first-time decisions for Christ and a number of decisions among Christians.

**EVANGELIST BOB PERSSON**, 339 Rice Drive, Beloit, Wisconsin, recently closed a meeting in the First Baptist Church, Gate City, Virginia, where Rev. Lester L. Ferguson is pastor. 31 young people were saved in youth meetings connected with the revival. No figures are given for the number saved in the church itself.

**DR. PETER RUCKMAN**, Bay Minette, Alabama, was in the Homewood Baptist Church of Ford City, Pennsylvania, April 12-19. R. Dean McKee, pastor of the country church, reports that there were 11 first-time decisions for salvation and many rededications of life.

**EVANGELIST G. P. COMER**,

P. O. Box 5889, Dallas 2, Texas, held a meeting March 15-29 at the Bardstown Baptist Church in Bardstown, Kentucky. During the meeting 61 were added to the membership of the church with 48 of these coming on profession of faith as candidates for baptism. 54 families pledged to begin family worship. One of those converted was the chief of police of the town.

**EVANGELIST BILL COMPTON**, 1801 College Street, Decatur, Alabama, held a revival campaign April 5-12 in the Summer Hill Baptist Church at Carthage, North Carolina. Rev. L. M. Williamson, pastor, reports that there were 7 professions of faith, 30 rededications and a number of other decisions among Christians.

**EVANGELIST ERNIE TONETTI**, 2239 South Fifteenth, Philadelphia 45, Pennsylvania, held a meeting in the Community Baptist Church at Madison Heights, Michigan, where Rev. Lewis Votaw is pastor. There were 5 souls saved during the revival.

**EVANGELIST EUGENE BROWN** of Woodlawn, Virginia, held a revival in the Methodist Church of Elk Creek, Virginia. 55 were saved in the regular church services during the revival with many rededications of life. 236 professed salvation in chapel services held in the public schools during that time.

**EVANGELIST GLEN SCHUNK**, 10 Blythewood Drive, Greenville, South Carolina, held a meeting January 25-February 8 in the Grace Baptist Church of Mahomet, Illinois. Pastor Richard L. Rice reports that there were 39 first-time decisions for Christ, 6 received assurance of salvation, and a number of others rededicated their lives to the Lord. The pastor considered the results of the meeting very unusual since the membership is less than 70 and the average attendance is around 100.

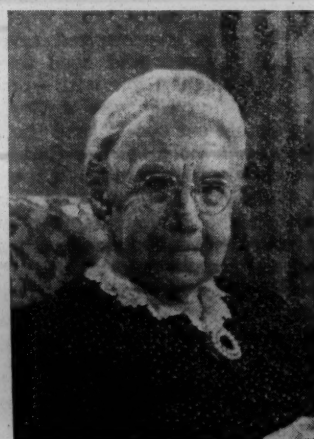
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**ON SEPARATION** . . . "It is a remarkable fact and not to be lightly passed over, that in these writings of John (1, 2, and 3 John), who has become known pre-eminently as the apostle of love, we find the sternest words as to the NECESSITY FOR LOYALTY TO TRUTH (caps ours); and the church of God needs to remember that fellowship with God necessitates separation from all who fail to fulfill the responsibilities of fellowship in light, or in love."—Pages 192-193, LIVING MESSAGES OF THE BOOKS OF THE BIBLE, NEW TESTAMENT.

**ON LOVE** . . . "We are not only to yield to love; we are to guard its holiness. It is possible to be led astray from the activity of true love by yielding to a false charity. At the very center of love is light. THAT IS NOT TRUE LOVE WHICH SACRIFICES PRINCIPLE (caps ours). God has never acted in love at the expense of light. If I could be persuaded for one moment that God can be so loving as to pass lightly over sin, than I should feel that the government of the universe was insecure. The fact is otherwise. He loves with such intensity that He never can excuse sin. In all our love, therefore, we must see to it that the light is shining, and

## John Sutherland Bonnell and Statistics

On Monday, December 2, the New York Times carried an item by this brilliant liberal, who is pastor of Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church and a member of the Executive Committee of the New York Crusade. The Times story said: "Mass evangelism at intervals may assist the work of churches," the clergyman declared, "but it can never replace them." Holding that "one of the most serious defects in the crusade has been the over-emphasis on statistics," he said "the greatest results of this crusade cannot be put into statistics and tabulated." He noted that 60,000 decisions had been reported in the press, and said the phrase was "quite inaccurate and should be discarded."

that holiness is maintained."—(Page 191, LIVING MESSAGES OF THE BOOKS OF THE BIBLE: NEW TESTAMENT (1, 2, and 3 John).

## Can We Believe the Claims . . .

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(Luke 24:27). Neither "the law or the prophets" will be destroyed, but every jot and tittle fulfilled (Matt. 5:17-18); "in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms," (Luke 24:44). Other references were given clearly showing that Peter claimed divine inspiration for his epistles; the book of Revelation clearly claimed divine inspiration for itself, and that it was the close of the Scripture canon. Actually questions about the canon of Scriptures are not the main question, since if one believes in the inspiration of any part of the Bible, he will have to take the authentication which Jesus gives to all the Old Testament. And no man who accepts all the Old Testament doubts the New Testament. Your troubles are not primarily concerned with the canon. And if you knew more about the proposition, you would see that this is so, that Scripture authenticates itself, if you acknowledge the authority which any of the books claim for themselves.

3. You say it begs the question to attempt to prove the inspiration of the Bible by its own claims. But that only goes to show that you have ignored some of the greatest facts involved. By the rules of Greenleaf on evidence thousands of legal minds have been convinced of the inspiration of the Bible. There is a presumption in favor of the inspiration of the Bible which intelligent and informed men cannot ignore. That presumption is built on many great factors including the testimony of millions of the most moral and intelligent people who ever lived, built on the impact of the Bible on our civilization, our literature, our morality; built upon the moral standards in the Bible, inconceivably above all other purely human standards.

And even if you had not studied the impact of the Bible on human society as I have, if you should set out most prayerfully and humbly to search the Bible for a period of years, seeking to find what light you could follow, seeking to find a God you could worship, seeking to find a truth you could believe, seeking to find a morality which you could practice, seeking to find a holiness and purity of heart which men cannot attain without revelation and help from God, seeking to find a peace and forgiveness which the world can never give—you would have already found that there is such a mass of presumptive evidence in favor of the Bible that honest and intelligent men must give what the Bible says about itself the very highest importance.

You ask "how the reflective Christian deals with these considerations to his own satisfaction." I tell you very frankly that relying

upon plain promises in the Word of God I have deliberately walked into the most difficult situations where humanly speaking it appeared my ruin would be the result. But God has vindicated His Word so remarkably that an intelligent and reverent mind must say that there is a supernatural accuracy and authority in these promises. I gave up a regular salary, gave up life insurance, gave up a course of action which would have led to security and provision and adopted the course which seemed extravagant and profligate in that I made no provision for the future except to obey God and to depend on Him to supply my needs. Since in a short letter I cannot do any adequate justice to this theme, nor tell you enough to prove the point to your satisfaction, I will say that the personal pragmatic evidence that I have shows that the promises of God are true, that God intervenes in the affairs of men, that God answers definite prayer, even for material things, using humanly improbable or apparently impossible means. I have seen the drunkard changed in one short hour to permanent sobriety. I have seen the harlot made pure. I have seen the atheist made into a child-like believer in Christ. I have seen the criminal made into an upright citizen and these not one time but literally in hundreds and hundreds of cases. I have seen the sick raised up when there were no human prospects of healing and when doctors were astounded. I say, I know God answers prayer, that He has answered my prayer in some cases bordering on the miraculous and in other cases I think clearly over the border.

A few of these details are given in my large book on *Prayer—Asking and Receiving*. But I am simply saying you could know for yourself whether the God of the Bible is the true God and whether the Bible is His inspired revelation. But you would need to set out to read the Bible with earnest heart to find the will of God. If you should set out to read the Bible with a holy resolve that you would obey its teachings, if it were the Word of God, that you would trust in the Saviour as your own Saviour if His claims were justified, that you would give yourself to a lifetime of wholehearted service to Christ if He would make His way clear, then you could know for yourself without any doubt about the Bible. I say, the contemplative Christian has such a strong foundation upon which to base his faith, that he finds it easy to believe what the Bible claims, even if he be not scientifically-minded and if he has not investigated the scientific evidence as I have.

Let me illustrate. I came from the Southwest cattle country. Cat-

tle, horses, saddles, lariats—these were as commonplace incidents in my life as automobiles, radios, paved streets, typewriters, etc. are to business people. Now, suppose there is a man we may call Mr. X, of whom I hear much as to his prowess in riding broncs, in use of the lariat, in bulldozing cattle. Suppose a dozen, or a hundred people I know tell me they know this man intimately, that he has the very highest of character, that they have found him truthful in a thousand details of life. Now suppose that I somewhere see this man in a rodeo ride the wildest broncs with a certain grace and ease and ingenuity with which I am well familiar. Suppose I see him throw the lariat so accurately, with such grace and rhythmic timing, that I cannot conceal my admiration. His daring is only equalled by his skill. Now suppose I talk to this Mr. X and he tells me that he has won the bronc-riding championship at Madison-Square Garden, at Cheyenne, Wyoming, and at the Fat Stock Show at Ft. Worth, Texas. You tell me that I should not consider the man's words on the question? After I have already seen what he can do (and I am an old cowhand myself and a good judge of such matters), and after I have heard him commended as to his veracity by friends who have known him long and well, some of the most reputable people I know, then naturally I would respect what he says. Now further I talk long with Mr. X and I find that on a thousand matters he proves himself moral, upright, dependable, truthful. You say I am not to believe what he says about matters on which I know he is well-qualified, and my own judgment tells me he might well have done exactly what he said he did.

So I come to the Scripture with a testimony of millions who knew the Lord Jesus as a personal Saviour, who found forgiveness and peace and joy and daily victory through long years. I have the testimony of uncounted millions of Christians who have found that God's promises were all true. I have the evidence of millions of lives transformed from sin to holiness of life. Do you wonder that I come to the Bible with an open heart to believe what I find? And when I find that the moral standards of the Bible are so pure that they condemn me, purer than any man finds anywhere else in literature (and I was a college teacher of English literature and I have long been an editor and a student in such matters), you must acknowledge the weight of the Bible's own testimony as to its origin. To ignore the mass of evidence which already gives the Bible a position of accredited witness is neither intelligent nor evidence of honesty of intention.

4. You would laugh off the examples of the scientific accuracy of the Bible as given in my pamphlet, *The Inspiration of the Bible and Its Scientific Accuracy*. I assure you, you would not do so if you studied the matter more. If you were familiar with the literature of Babylonians and others and of all ancient accounts of the origin and nature of this world, you would be profoundly impressed with the fact that Job 26:7 says that God hangs the earth out in space on nothing. You would be greatly impressed with the testimony of Isaiah 40:22 as to the roundness of the earth. You would be impressed with the fact that though the Saviour stated that His coming would be as sudden as a flash of lightning, as sudden as "the twinkling of an eye," yet when He comes it would be night-time at one place, morning another place, midday another place since the earth rotates on its axis. The rotation of the earth is here so clearly and so scientifically inferred that it seems to me honest and intelligent people must be impressed with it.

You are not impressed with the fact that in Leviticus 17:11 the Bible says that the life is in the blood. If you will study all that scientists up to two hundred years ago knew about the blood, then you will see how striking is this clear revelation which everybody now accepts at face value. And I assure you that these few illustrations I give are only slight tastes of the marvelous wealth of material proving the scientific accuracy of the Bible. If you are really interested in such a study

I suggest that you get *The Deluge Story in Stone and After Its Kind*, both by Byron C. Nelson, published by Augsburg Press, 426 South 5th St., Minneapolis 15, Minn. I think the price is \$2.50 each. I assure you that they are a little heavy because they are so thoroughly documented, but if you are a real student and want to know the truth, you will find them fascinating, I am sure.

You say, "I would point out that these passages (cited in the pamphlet) could have made perfectly good sense to men of their own time without suggesting to them the special knowledges claimed." But to refute your rather thoughtless suggestion, there is the simple undeniable fact that all the men of their day familiar with these passages took them as divinely inspired. As far as we know there is no single exception of any so-called "higher criticism" of the Bible in ancient times. Some people disregarded it then as now; some were idolaters then as now. But those who studied the Bible, that is the law and the prophets of the Old Testament, believed them inspired. There were sinners among the Jews but not atheists nor infidels as far as we know. But if you could find someone who claimed that these books were not inspired and not true, then of course they would be people who did not believe that the earth was a round ball suspended in space, turning on its axis. And the only ones who could say that these revelations in the Old Testament did not indicate special knowledge would be those who deliberately chose to pervert them into a

meaning not inherent in the passages.

I assure you that this position I have reached after the most cautious and careful checking of the facts in the case. And you will come to be as certain as I am of the inspiration and infallible authority of the Bible if you seek the truth as humbly and consistently as did I, willing to follow where it leads.

I thank you for your letter. I warn you that God does not reveal Himself to stubborn and perverse hearts but only to the humble and contrite who long to know the truth that they may do it, to know God's Word that they may know God and Christ His Son, our Saviour. Do you measure up in the moral qualifications, the spiritual heart attitude of a man who really wants to know the truth in spiritual matters?

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# Beauty and the Beast

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to both God and men. This was Abigail!

Again, we learn that she was a woman of good understanding (v. 3). Since "... the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned" (I Cor. 2:14), we conclude that this knowledge was from above. How many times people have said to me, "I read the Bible but just can't seem to understand it at all!" That is perfectly natural until one is saved. "The secret of the Lord is with them that fear him" (Ps. 25:14a). "Christ ... is made unto us wisdom" (I Cor. 1:30). "He that is of God heareth God's words ..." (John 8:47a). Jesus said, "Learn of me!" "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom ..." (Ps. 111:10a).

The third thing the Bible tells us about this woman is that she was "of a beautiful countenance" (v. 3). Beholding the beauty of the Lord she herself was beautiful. People who live together long enough seem to begin to look alike. Those who walk with God reveal something of His beauty. Righteousness makes the saint "all fair" (Song of Sol. 4:7). The saints (true Christians) who have been made beautiful in Him will one day be presented to Him "a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing ..." (Eph. 5:27).

Another evidence of her godliness is discovered in her gratefulness and her generosity. David's men had protected her possessions "by night and day" (v. 16), and she hastened greatly to bring tokens of appreciation to David (v. 18). Though her selfish husband refused to realize his obligation to the men who had befriended him, Abigail was determined to do right. It was the custom in those days for a man of wealth to share his feast with others at sheep-shearing time (v. 12) as an expression of thanksgiving. But it is said of the ungodly, "neither were thankful." Sinners are usually not grateful to God nor generous to God's cause.

Her humility is a fifth evidence of her redemption. She took the blame herself (v. 24). Sinners will blame everything and everybody except themselves! She cast herself at the feet of David, even as every truly wise person will cast himself at the feet of great David's greater Son, the Lord Jesus! In humility she pled for forgiveness (v. 28). Having received David she was received of him (v. 35). In all of this we see a beautiful picture of the sinner claiming forgiveness from our heavenly "David," receiving Him, and thus becoming a son of God (John 1:12). Have you received Him? When you do, you too will "go up in peace" (v. 35).

Then, too, her faith was a proof of her conversion. It reached beyond circumstances. Though David was in poverty and rejection, she believed that one day he would be exalted. The disciples of Jesus trusted Him while He had no place to lay His head, while believing that one day He would be exalted as King of kings and Lord of lords.

Abigail talked constantly about the Lord. "As the Lord liveth" (v. 26). "The Lord hath withholden thee from coming to shed blood" (v. 26). "The Lord will certainly make my lord a sure house ..." (v. 28). "... Bound in the bundle of life with the Lord ..." (v. 29). "And it shall come to pass when the Lord shall have done to my lord according to all the good that he hath spoken ..." (v. 30). We talk about what we really think most about. Some people who claim to be Christians chatter constantly about everything and everybody except the Lord!

We also see a picture of a redeemed sinner in her service (v. 41). She served David and ministered to him. So the Christian will love and serve Jesus. "Faith without works is dead" (James 2:20b). When wrath was about to fall upon Nabal she made strong intercession on his behalf. Even so the true Christian will be greatly concerned about the souls of others.

Finally, Abigail was richly rewarded. Faith always is. She saw God's judgment upon the wicked when Nabal was turned to stone and then met death. "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord" (Rom 12:19b). You live for God and you'll not have to dispose of your enemies! "Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked" (Ps. 91:8). Also Abigail later became the bride of David the king and shared in his riches and glory. So shall saved people share the riches and glory of King Jesus!

How is it with you? Have you been redeemed? Have you received the gift of the Father? Do you, like Abigail, give evidence by your gratefulness, your humility, your faith, your service, that you belong to Jesus Christ? Remember, if any man be in Christ he is a new creature! (II Cor. 5:17).

Now, on the other hand, look at the "Beast," the unregenerate man Abigail was married to. Then decide whether you will reign with Abigail or perish with Nabal. You are in one class or the other. There is no middle ground. Take your pick. Abigail the saint, or Nabal the sinner—which?

Nabal lived in Maon (a lofty hill) just as many lost people have their chosen subterfuge, their refuge of lies, their hill of retreat from God. His possessions were in Carmel (v. 2). Carmel means a garden or park. Every sinner has his "garden" of fleshly desire, something he clings to as a substitute for the real thing. He loves darkness rather than light, for his deeds are evil (John 3:19).

The Bible says this man was "very great" (v. 2). Yes, great men perish. The so-called great men of this life are prone to forget that "Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness is unsearchable" (Ps. 145:3). So-called good men forget that "there is none good but one, that is, God" (Matt. 19:17). So-called wise men forget that "the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom" (Ps. 111:10a). Herod permitted the people to attribute greatness to him, only to be smitten and eaten of worms! (Acts 12). Nabal was "very great" in the eyes of men—but this is the man who turned to stone!

The Bible also tells us that he had great possessions (v. 2). But "a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth" (Luke 12:15). "Beware of covetousness," said Jesus. "They that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare" (I Tim. 6:9a). Paul declared, "You can't drive that limousine on the streets of gold up there. You've seen your bankroll for the last time when you leave this life. And 'what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away' (Jas. 4:14)!"

He was a man of good taste, at least as far as the flesh went, for he had chosen a beautiful wife. Many a woman is a man's undoing, but Nabal didn't go to Hell because of his wife. It is interesting to observe that many a sinner chooses the rare and beautiful down here, but rejects the beauty of mercy and forgiveness and thereby seals his doom for all eternity to exist in a place where there is nothing of beauty, but only "weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth!"

He appreciated luxury and chose the finer things of life for his body (v. 6), but foolishly rejected the luxury of a soul saved and made fit for Heaven. He chose rest here but denied himself rest hereafter. He chose comfort here while cheating himself out of comfort hereafter! No wonder his wife said "holly is with him" (v. 25)!

His wealth and his wife—that was about all the good that could be said about this character!

His heart died before he did! Is that not true of many a man who can be said to be "dead in trespasses and sins" (Eph. 2:1)? He hardened his own heart—and then God hardened him, even as a stone (v. 37). The closing chapter in his life reads like this: "He was very drunken ... his heart died within him ... he became as a stone ... the Lord smote Nabal, and he died ... for the Lord hath returned the wickedness of Nabal upon his

own head ..." (I Sam. 25:36-39). Like Lot's wife was turned to salt, this man was turned to stone. Why? What were the counts against him?

Listen carefully, for in the folly of this man who turned to stone we see the folly of every stony-hearted rejecter of Christ!

His first sin was that of INGRATITUDE! For all of his numerous blessings he failed to thank God. He seemed totally ungrateful. He ignored the fact that it was God who had given him power to get wealth (Deut. 8:18). "Unthankful" and "unholy" are two of the words describing the ungodly in the last days (II Tim. 3:2). In the celebration of his great prosperity there was no note of thanksgiving. God had caused His rain to fall upon Nabal as well as upon the godly. God's sun had shone upon this ungrateful whelp as well as upon the righteous. He was breathing God's fresh free air, he was living in God's beautiful world, while trampling God's abounding love under his unbelieving feet!

He was like some well-to-do ranchers a pastor told me about out west. They arrogantly boasted that they had been smart enough to build a ranch and accumulate herds and that God had had nothing to do with it. But the Bible says that even "the plowing of the wicked is sin" (Prov. 21:4)! There will come a day of reckoning. In that day sinners will lament the fact that they interpreted "freedom of worship" to mean freedom from worship! They will regret having stuffed on Thanksgiving without stopping to offer thanksgiving or passing gifts at Christmas while hypocritically spurning the unspeakable gift of God's dear Son! What ingratitude! The goodness of God is supposed to lead men to repentance (Rom. 2:4).

SELFISHNESS was another sin for which Nabal was stricken by God. He thought only of himself. What did it matter to him that David's men had been a protective wall to his flocks and herds? What did it matter to him that neighbors lived in poverty while he lived in plenty? What did it matter to him that his wife suffered the embarrassment and the heartache of living with such a selfish, sour sot?

Oh, the sin of selfishness! Many a home is wrecked by it. The suitor courts with his best foot forward, pretending to be a generous gentleman, only after marriage to expose his true self. And many a wife is selfish with her husband. Men have been discouraged from serving God because of selfish wives. Selfish children are a blight on the hearts of their parents. Selfish members of a family often turn gladness into gloom, harmony into discord, almost turn home into a hell.

Churches are wrecked by selfish members. Some act as if they are the only person to be considered. Like Diotrophes they love to have the pre-eminence (III John 9). As Nabal spoke of "my bread, and my water, and my flesh ... my shearers" (v. 11), so selfish Christians speak only of "my comfort, my pew, my contribution, my prayers." Paul lamented, "All seek their own, not the things which are Jesus Christ's" (Phil. 2:21). How true it is today. How little sacrifice for the cause of Christ. And unless some church members have their own way they will gripe and growl until the Holy Spirit is grieved and souls turn away in disgust. You cannot reason with selfishness. Self knows no reason outside of its own petty pride, prejudice and preference.

Individuals show their extreme selfishness in their rejection of Christ and His salvation. The Christian cries, "Not I, but Christ" (Gal. 2:20) while the sinner boasts, "Not Christ but I!"

Nabal was churlish, sour, ill-bred, unkind—all of which stemmed out of the soil of selfishness!

Then the Bible tells us that he was EVIL in his doings (v. 3)! Just plain evil! He was sinful, wicked, ungodly. What a picture of the great mass of people today! Christ spoke of the condition of all mankind when He said, "Men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil" (John 3:19b). The whole human race is evil. Evil thoughts, evil minds, evil imaginations, evil desires, evil words, evil choices. God

## All the Way With Jesus

All the way with Jesus, Dear Father, I would go,  
Show me now Thy footprints, lead me on to know  
The fellowship of suffering, the wonder of His love,  
The great majestic splendor He has prepared above.

Outside the gate with Jesus, the way may seem so drear,  
No room for compromise out there, but He is always near;  
The Bread of Life will strengthen, the Water satisfies,  
No good thing I lack with Him, who all my wants supplies.

All the way with Jesus, what a blessed thought!  
So gladly will I follow, for He my soul has bought;  
No more to walk in darkness, my joy now overflows,  
Mine eyes have seen the victory the Holy Spirit shows.

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destroyed the world in the time of Noah because "... the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually" (Gen. 6:5)! Evil continually. Like today. For further information scan the movie page in the paper or glance at the newsstand the next time you go by. Christ had to die to deliver us from this "present evil world" (Gal. 1:4). The world is evil in its lust, its envy, its greed, its pride, its self-righteousness. Men choose evil companions, use evil speech, speak evil slander. You must repent of your evil ways or perish, as this man did. Jesus said, "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish" (Luke 13:3)!

This fool, Nabal, thought more of his STOMACH than he did of his SOUL! He lived to eat, to gratify his own appetite. He, like millions of his cousins today, was self-indulgent. His asinine philosophy was "Eat, drink and be merry!" He was like another man in the New Testament, one whose ground brought forth plentifully, whose barns bulged with bounty, but who said to his soul, "Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry. But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee ..." (Luke 12:19-20)!

STRONG DRINK was another soul-damning sin in the life of the man who turned to stone. In this respect Nabal could be called a

beast. How often has it been said of some debauched soul, "he was beastly drunk"! And yet this comment is an injustice to the dumb beast! No hog or ape or skunk will get drunk—but some men and women will! Oh, the army of men and women who will spend eternity in Hell forever because they would not let Christ deliver them from the mad craving for damnable drink.

Strong Drink, that turns friends to fiends!

Drink, that reduces riches to rags!

Drink, that makes marriage into misery!

Drink, that exchanges sunshine for suffering!

"Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise" (Prov. 20:1).

There is probably no doubt that Nabal began his plunge to doom as a "moderate drinker." Every drunkard was once a moderate drinker. Why can't men see that? Sin is sin, no matter how moderately it is enjoyed, anyhow. As Sam Morris has said, "You had as well talk about committing adultery in moderation. You had as well talk about committing murder in moderation. You had as well talk about stealing in moderation!"

God says, "Look not upon it!" (Prov. 23:31). In other words, leave drink alone! Stay clear of it. It is amazing how an otherwise

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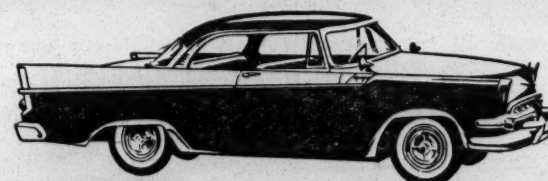
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was a poor, blind beggar. Perhaps he has been there for years, led out, it may be, by one of his children, or perhaps, as we sometimes see, he had a dog to lead him out. There he had sat for years, and his cry had been, “Please give a poor blind man some money.” One day, as he was sitting there, a man came down from Jerusalem, and seeing him, took his seat by his side, and said, “Bartimeus, I have good news for you.”

“What is it?” said the blind beggar.

“There is a man in Israel who is able to give you sight.”

“Oh no,” said the blind beggar, “there is no chance of my ever receiving sight. I was born blind, and nobody born blind ever got sight. I shall never see in this world. I may in the world to come, but I must go through this world blind.”

“But,” said the man, “let me tell you. I was at Jerusalem the other day, and the great Galilean prophet was there, and I saw a man who was born blind that had received his sight; and I never saw a man with better sight. He does not need to use glasses. He can see quite clearly.”

Then for the first time, hope rose in the poor man’s heart, and he asked, “How was it done?”

“Why, Jesus spat on the ground and made some clay, and anointed his eyes” (that is enough to put a man’s sight out, even if he can see!) “and sent him to wash in the pool of Siloam; and while he was doing so he got two good eyes. Yes, it is so. I talked with him, and I didn’t see a man in all Jerusalem who had better sight.”

“What did he charge?” said Bartimeus.

“Nothing. There was no fee or doctor’s bill. He got his sight for nothing. You just tell Him what you want; you don’t need to have an influential committee to call on Him, or any important deputation. The poor have as much influence with Him as the rich; all are alike.”

“What is His name?” asked Bartimeus.

“Jesus of Nazareth; and if He ever comes this way, don’t let Him by without getting your case laid before Him.”

And the blind man said, “That you may be sure of. He shall never pass this way without my seeking Him.”

A day or two after, he was led out, and took his seat at the usual place, still crying out for money. All at once he heard the footsteps of a coming multitude, and asked, “Who is it? Tell me, who is it?” Some one said it was Jesus of Nazareth that was passing by. The moment he heard that, he said to himself, “Why, that is the man who gives sight to the blind,” and he lifted up his cry, “Jesus, thou Son of David, have mercy upon me!” I don’t know who it was—perhaps it was Peter—who said to him, “Hush! keep still.” He thought the Lord was going up to Jerusalem to be crowned king, and he would not like to be disturbed by a poor blind beggar.

Oh, they did not know the Son of God when He was here! He would hush every harp in Heaven to hear a sinner pray; no music delights Him so much.

But Bartimeus lifted up his voice louder, “Thou Son of David, have mercy on me.” His prayer

reached the ear of the Son of God, as prayer always will, and His footsteps were arrested. He told them to bring the man. “Bartimeus,” they said, “be of good cheer. Arise, He calleth thee”; and He never called any one, but He had something good in store for him. O sinner, remember that! They led the blind man to Jesus. The Lord said, “What shall I do for you?”

“Lord, that I may receive my sight.”

“You shall have it,” the Lord said; and straightway his eyes were opened.

I should have liked to have been there, to see that wonderful scene. The first object that met his gaze was the Son of God Himself, and now among the shouting multitude, no one shouts louder than the poor blind man that has got his sight. He glorifies God, and I fancy I can hear him shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David.”

Pardon me, if I now draw a little on my imagination. Bartimeus gets into Jericho, and he says, “I will go and see my wife, and tell her about it.” A young convert always wants to talk to his friends about salvation. Away he goes down the street, and he meets a man who passes him, goes on a few yards, and then turns round and says, “Bartimeus, is that you?”

“Yes.”

“Well, I thought it was, but I could not believe my eyes. How have you got your sight?”

“Oh, I just met Jesus of Nazareth outside the city, and asked Him to have mercy on me.”

“Jesus of Nazareth! What, is He in this part of the country?”

“Yes. He is right here in Jericho. He is now going down to the western gate.”

“I should like to see Him,” says the man, and away he runs down the street; but he cannot catch a glimpse of Him, even though he stands on tip toe, being little of stature, and on account of the great throng around Him. “Well,” he says, “I am not going to be disappointed”; so he runs on, and climbs up into a sycamore tree. “If I can get on to that branch, hanging right over the highway, He cannot pass without my getting a good look at Him.”

That must have been a very strange sight to see the rich man climbing up a tree like a boy, and hiding among the leaves, where he thought nobody would see him, to get a glimpse of the passing stranger!

There comes the crowd bursting out, and he looks for Jesus. He looks at Peter; “That’s not He.” He looks at John; “That’s not He.” At last his eye rests on one fairer than the sons of men; “That’s He!” And Zaccheus, just peeping out from among the branches, looks down upon the wonderful God-man in amazement. At last the crowd comes to the tree. It looks as if Christ is going by, but He stops right under the tree, looks up, and says, “Zaccheus, make haste and come down.”

I can imagine the first thought in his mind was, “Who told Him my name? I was never introduced to Him.” Ah! He knew him. Sinner, Christ knows all about you. He knows your name and your house. You need not try to hide from Him. He knows where you are, and all about you.

Some people do not believe in

free.

Here is the blessed promise of Jesus, “Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again” (Luke 6:38).

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### Sudden Conversion

I should like them to answer me—when was Zaccheus converted? He was certainly in his sins when he went up into the tree; he certainly was converted when he came down. He must have been converted somewhere between the branch and the ground. It didn’t take a long while to convert that publican! “Make haste and come down. I shall never pass this way again. This is my last visit.” Zaccheus made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully. Did you ever hear of any one receiving Christ in any other way? He received Him joyfully. Christ brings joy with Him. Sin, gloom, and darkness flee away; light, peace and joy burst into the soul. Reader, may you come down from your high place and receive Christ now.

Someone may ask, “How do you know that he was converted?” I think he gave very good evidence. I would like to see as fruitful evidence of conversion nowadays. Let some rich men be converted, and give half their goods to feed the poor, and people will believe pretty quickly that it is genuine work! But there is better evidence even than that. “If I have taken anything from any man falsely, I restore him fourfold.” Very good evidence that. You say if people are converted suddenly, they won’t hold out. Zaccheus held out long enough to restore fourfold. We should like to have a work that reaches men’s pockets.

I can imagine one of his servants going to a neighbor next morning, with a check for \$100, and handing it over. “What is this for?”

“Oh, my master defrauded you out of \$25 a few years ago, and this is restitution money.”

That would give confidence in Zaccheus’ conversion! I wish a few cases like that would happen now, and then people would stop talking against sudden conversions.

The Lord goes to be the publican’s guest, and while He is there the Pharisees began to murmur and complain. It would have been a good thing if Pharisees had died off with that generation; but, unfortunately, they have left a good many grandchildren, living down here in this nineteenth century, who are ever complaining. “This man receiveth sinners.” But while the Pharisees were complaining, the Lord uttered the words of text: “I did not come to Zaccheus to make him wretched, to condemn him, to torment him; I came to bless and save him. The Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.”

If there is a man or woman reading this who believes that he or she is lost, I have good news to tell you—Christ is come after you.

I was at the Fulton Street prayer meeting on Saturday night a good many years ago, and when the meeting was over, a man came to me and said, “I would like to have you go down to the city prison tomorrow and preach to the prisoners.” I said I would be very glad to go. There was no chapel in connection with that prison, and I was to preach to them in their cells. I had to stand at a little iron railing and talk down a great, long, narrow passage way to some three or four hundred of them, I suppose, all out of sight. It was pretty difficult work; I never preached to bare-walls before.

When it was over I thought I would like to see to whom I had been preaching, and how they had received the Gospel. I went to the first door, where the inmates could have heard me best, and looked in at a little window, and there were some men playing cards; I suppose they had been playing all the while. “How is it with you here?” I said.

“Well, stranger, we don’t want you to get a bad idea of us. False witnesses swore a lie, and that is how we are here.”

“Oh,” I said, “Christ cannot save anybody here; there is nobody lost.”

I went to the next cell. “Well, friend, how is it with you?”

“Oh,” said the prisoner, “the man that did the deed looked very much like me, so they caught me and I am here.”

He was innocent, too. I passed along to the next cell. “How is it with you?”

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# Christ Seeking Sinners

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and the man that did it got clear, and we got taken up, but we never did anything."

I went along to the next cell. "How is it with you?"

"Our trial comes on next week, but they have nothing against us, and we'll get free."

I went round nearly every cell, but the answer was always the same—they had never done anything. Why, I never saw so many innocent men together in my life! There was nobody to blame but the magistrates, according to their way of it. These men were wrapping their filthy rags of self-righteousness about them. And that has been the story for six thousand years.

I got discouraged as I went through the prison, on, and on, and on, cell after cell, and every man had an excuse. If he hadn't one, the Devil helped him to make one.

I had got almost through the prison when I came to a cell and found a man with his elbows on his knees and his head in his hands. Two little streams of tears were running down his cheeks; they did not come by drops that time.

"What's the trouble?" I said.

He looked up, the picture of remorse and despair. "Oh, my sins are more than I can bear."

"Thank God for that," I replied.

"What," said he, "you are the man that has been preaching to us, ain't you?"

"Yes."

"I think you said you were a friend?"

"I am."

"And yet you are glad that my sins are more than I can bear?"

"I will explain," I said; "if your sins are more than you can bear, won't you cast them on One who will bear them for you?"

"Who's that?"

"The Lord Jesus."

"He won't bear my sins."

"Why not?"

"I have sinned against Him all my life."

"I don't care if you have; the blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, cleanses from all sin."

Then I told him how Christ had come to seek and save that which was lost; to open the prison doors and set the captives free. It was like a cup of refreshment to find a man who believed he was lost, so I stood there, and held up a crucified Saviour to him. "Christ was delivered for our offences, died for our sins, rose again for our justification." For a long time the man could not believe that such a miserable wretch could be saved. He went on to enumerate his sins, and I told him that the blood of Christ could cover them all. After I had talked with him I said, "Now let us pray." He got down on his knees inside the cell, and I knelt outside. I said, "You pray."

"Why," he said, "it would be blasphemy for me to call on God."

"You call on God," I said.

He knelt down, and, like the poor publican, he lifted up his voice and said, "God be merciful to me, a vile wretch!"

I put my hand through the window, and as I shook hands with him a tear that burned down into my soul fell on my hand. It was a tear of repentance. He believed he was lost. Then I tried to get him to believe that Christ had come to save him. I left him still in darkness. "I will be at the hotel," I said, "between nine and ten o'clock, and I will pray for you."

Next morning, I felt so much interested in him that I thought I must see him before I went back to Chicago. No sooner had my eye lighted on his face than I saw that remorse and despair had fled away. His countenance was beaming with celestial light; the tears of joy had come into his eyes, and the tears of despair were gone. The Sun of Righteousness had broken out across his path: his soul was leaping within him for joy; he had received Christ, as Zaccheus did, joyfully. "Tell me about it," I said.

"Well, I do not know what time it was; I think it was about midnight. I had been in distress a long time, when all at once my great burden fell off, and now I believe I am the happiest man in New York."

I think he was the happiest man I saw from the time I left Chicago till I got back again. His face was lighted up with the light that comes from the celestial hills. I bade him good-bye, and I expect to meet him in another world.

Can you tell me why the Son of God came down to that prison that night, and, passing cell after cell, went to that one, and set the captive free? It was

## Because the Man Believed He Was Lost

O that we would wake up to the thought of what it is to be lost! The world has been rocked to sleep by Satan, who is going up and down and telling people that it doesn't mean anything. I believe in the old-fashioned Heaven and Hell. Christ came down to save us from a terrible Hell, and any man who is cast down to Hell from here must go in the full blaze of the gospel and over the mangled body of the Son of God.

We hear of a man who has lost his health, and we sympathize with him, and we say it is very sad. Our hearts are drawn out in sympathy. Here is another man who has lost his wealth, and we say, "That is very sad." Here is another man who has lost his reputation, his standing among men.

## ★ How?

"How can a God of love send a man to Hell?" asked a fellow traveller of John Seddon in a train.

"I will ask you another question by way of reply," said he. "How can a God of righteousness take a sinner to Heaven?" —Selected

"That is sadder still," you say. We know what it is to lose health and wealth and reputation, but what is the loss of all these things compared with the loss of the soul?

I was in an eye-infirmity in Chicago some time before the great fire. A mother brought a beautiful little babe to the doctor—a babe only a few months old—and wanted the doctor to look at the child's eyes. He did so, and pronounced it blind—blind for life—it would never see again. The moment he said that, the mother seized it, pressed it to her bosom, and gave a terrible scream. It pierced my heart, and I could not but weep; the doctor wept; we could not help it. "Oh, my darling," she said, "are you never to see the mother that gave you birth? Oh, doctor, I cannot stand it. My child, my child!"

It was a sight to move any heart. But what is the loss of eyesight to the loss of a soul? I had a thousand times rather have these eyes taken out of my head and go to the grave blind, than lose my soul. I have two sons and no one but God knows how I love them; but I would see their eyes dug out of their heads rather than see them grow up to manhood and go down to the grave without Christ and without hope. The loss of a soul! Christ knew what it meant. That is what brought Him from the bosom of the Father; that is what brought Him from the throne; that is what brought Him to Calvary. The Son of God was in earnest. When He died on Calvary it was to save a lost world; it was to save your soul and mine.

Oh, the loss of the soul—how terrible it is! If you are still lost, I beseech you, do not rest until you have found peace in Christ. Fathers and mothers, if you have children out of the Ark, do not rest until they are brought into it. Do not discourage your children from coming to Christ. The Son of man came to save children as much as old grey-haired men. He came for all, rich and poor, young and old. Young man, if you are lost may God show it to you, and may you press into the kingdom. The Son of man is come to seek and to save you.

There is a story told of Rowland Hill. He was once preaching in the open air to a vast audience. Lady Anne Erskine was riding by, and she asked who it was that was addressing the vast assembly. She was told that it was the celebrated Rowland Hill. Said she,

"I have heard of him; drive me near the platform that I may listen to him."

The eye of Rowland Hill rested on her. He saw that she belonged to the aristocracy, and turning to some one, he inquired who she was. He went on preaching, and all at once he stopped. "My friends," he said, "I have got something here for sale." Everybody was startled to think that a minister was going to sell something in his sermon. "I am going to sell it by auction, and it is worth more than the crown of all Europe; it is the soul of Lady Anne Erskine. Will any one bid for her soul? Hark! methinks I hear a bid. Who bids? Satan bids. What will you give? I will give riches, honor, and pleasure; yea, I will give the whole world for her soul."

Hark! I hear another bid for this soul. Who bids? The Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus, what will you give for this soul? I will give peace, and joy, and comfort that the world knows not of; yea, I will give eternal life for her soul."

Turning to Lady Anne Erskine, he said, "You have heard the two bidders for your soul—which shall have it?" She ordered the footman to open the door, and pushing her way through the crowd, she said, "The Lord Jesus shall have my soul, if He will accept it."

That story may be true, or it may not; but there is one thing I know to be true—there are two bidders for your soul now. It is for you to decide which shall have it. Satan offers you what he cannot give; he is a liar, and has been from the foundation of the world. I pity the man who is living on the Devil's promises. He lied to Adam, deceived him, stripped him of all he had, and then left him in his lost, ruined condition. And all the men since Adam, living on the Devil's lies, the Devil's promises, have been disappointed, and will be, down to the end of the chapter. But the Lord Jesus Christ is able to give all He offers, and He offers eternal life to every lost soul. The gift of God is eternal life. Who will have it? Will any one flash it over the wires, and let it go up to the throne of God, that you want to be saved?

Some time since a man told me he was anxious to be saved, but Christ had never sought for him. I said, "What are you waiting for?"

"Why," he said, "I am waiting

for Christ to call me. As soon as He calls me, I am coming."

There may be others here who have got the same notion. Now I do not believe there is a man in this land that the Spirit of God has not striven with at some period of his life. I do not believe there is a person but Christ has sought after him. Bear in mind, He takes the place of the seeker. Every man who has ever been saved through these six thousand years was first sought after by God. No sooner did Adam fall than God sought him. He had gone away frightened, and hid himself among the bushes in the garden, but God took the place of the seeker; and from that day to this God has always had the place of the seeker. No man or woman has ever been saved but that He sought them first.

What do we read in the fifteenth chapter of St. Luke? There is a shepherd bringing home his sheep into the fold. As they pass in, he stands and numbers them. I can see him counting one, two, three, up to ninety-nine. "But," says he, "I ought to have a hundred. I must have made a mistake"; and he counts them over again. "There are only ninety-nine here. I must have lost one." He does not say, "I will let him find his own way back." No! He takes the place of the seeker. He goes out into the mountain, and hunts until he finds the lost one, and then he lays it on his shoulder and brings it home. Is it the sheep that finds the shepherd? No, it is the shepherd that finds and brings back the sheep. He rejoiced to find it. Undoubtedly the sheep was very glad to get back to the fold, but it was the shepherd who rejoiced, and who called his friends and said, "Rejoice with me."

Then there is that woman who lost the piece of money. Someone perhaps had paid her a bill that day, giving her ten pieces of silver. As she retires at night, she takes the money out of her pocket and counts it. "Why," she says, "I have only got nine pieces. I ought to have ten." She counts it over again. "Only nine pieces! Where have I been since I got that money? I am sure I have not been out of the house." She turns her pocket wrong side out, and there she finds a hole in it. Does she wait until the money gets back into her pocket? No. She takes a broom, and lights a candle, and

sweeps diligently. She moves the sofa and the table and the chairs, and all the rest of the furniture, and sweeps in every corner until she finds it. And when she has found it, who rejoices? The piece of money? No; the woman who finds it.

In these parables, Christ brings out the great truth that God takes the place of seeker. People talk of finding Christ, but it is Christ who first finds them.

Another young man told me one night that he was too great a sinner to be saved. Why, they are the very men Christ came after. "This man receiveth sinners, and eateth with them." The only charge they could bring against Christ down here was that He was receiving bad men. They are the very kind He is willing to receive. All you have got to do is to prove that you are a sinner, and I will prove that you have got a

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## Christ Seeking Sinners

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Saviour. And the greater the sinner, the greater need you have of a Saviour.

You say your heart is hard; well, then, of course, you want Christ to soften it. You cannot do it yourself. The harder your heart, the more need you have of Christ; the blacker you are, the more need you have of a Saviour. If your sins rise up before you like a dark mountain, bear in mind that the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses from all sin. There is no sin so big, or so black, or so corrupt and vile, but the blood of Christ can cover it. So I preach the old gospel again, "The Son of

man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."

It was Adam's fall, his loss, that brought out God's love. God never told Adam, when He put him into Eden, that He loved him. It was his fall, his sin, that brought it out.

A friend of mine from Manchester was in Chicago a few years ago, and he was very much interested in the city—a great city, with its 300,000 or 400,000 inhabitants, with its great railway centers, its lumber market, its pork market, and its grain market. He said he went back to Manchester and told his friend about Chicago.

But he could not get anybody very much interested in it. It was a great many hundreds of miles away, and the people did not seem to care for hearing about it.

But one day there came flashing along the wire the sad tidings that it was on fire; and, my friend said, the Manchester people became suddenly interested in Chicago! Every despatch that came they read. They bought up the papers, and devoured every particle of news. And at last, when the despatch came that Chicago was burning up, that 100,000 people were turned out of house and home, then every one became so interested that they began to weep for us. They came forward and laid down their money—some gave hundreds of dollars for the relief

of the poor sufferers. It was the calamity of Chicago, that brought out the love of Manchester, and of London, and of Liverpool.

I was in that terrible fire, and I saw men that were wealthy stripped of all they had. That Sunday night, when they retired, they were the richest men in Chicago. Next morning they were paupers. I did not see a man weep. But when the news came flashing along the wire, "Liverpool gives ten thousand dollars; Manchester sends five thousand dollars; London is giving money to aid the city"; as the news kept flashing that help was coming, our city was broken-hearted. I saw men weep then. The love that was shown us broke our hearts.

So the love of God ought to break every heart today. It was love that brought Christ down here to die for us. It was love that made Him leave His place by the Father's throne and come down here to seek and to save that which was lost.

But now for the sake of these men who believe Christ never sought them, perhaps it would be well to say how He seeks. There are a great many ways in which He does so.

One night I found a man in the inquiry room, and the Lord had been speaking to him by the prayers of a godly sister who died a little while ago. Her prayers were answered. He came into the inquiry room trembling from head to foot. I talked to him about the plan of salvation, and the tears trickled down his cheeks, and at last he took Christ as his Saviour. The Son of Man sought out that young man through the prayers of his sister, and then through her death.

Some of you have godly, praying mothers, who have prayed whole nights for your soul, and who have now gone to Heaven. Did not you take their hand and promise that you would meet them there? That was the Son of God seeking you by your mother's prayers and your mother's death. Some of you have got faithful, godly ministers who weep for you in the pulpit, and plead with you to come to Christ. You have heard heart-searching sermons, and the truth has gone down deep into your heart, and the tears have come down your cheeks. That was the Son of God seeking you.

Some of you have had godly, praying Sunday School teachers and superintendents urging you to come to Christ. Some of you, perhaps, have got young men converted around you, and they have talked with you and pleaded with you to come to Christ. That was the Son of God seeking after your soul. Some of you have had a tract put into your hand with the startling title, "Eternity—where will you spend it?" and the arrow has gone home. That was the Son of God seeking after you.

Many of you have been laid on a bed of sickness, when you had time to think and meditate, and in the silent watches of the night, when everybody was asleep, the Spirit of God has come into your chamber, has come to your bedside, and the thought came stealing through your mind that you ought to be a child of God and an heir of Heaven. That was the Son of God seeking after your lost soul.

Some of you have had little children, and you have laid them in the cemetery. When that little child was dying you promised to love and serve God. Ah, have you kept your promise? That was the Son of God seeking you. He took that little child yonder to draw your affections heavenwards.

O friends, open the door of your heart and let the heavenly Visitor in. Do not turn Him away any longer. Do not say with Felix, "Go thy way this time, and when I have a convenient season, I will call for thee." Make this a convenient season; make this the hour of your salvation. Receive the gift of God now, open the door of your heart, and say: "Welcome, thrice welcome into this heart of mine."

### I Will Let Jesus Find Me Today!

You have read the sermon by D. L. Moody who has been in Heaven for more than fifty-nine years. But it is still wonderfully true and sweet that "the Son of man came to seek and save that which was lost," as Jesus said. So the Lord Jesus loves sinners and wants to save them.

If you have read this great sermon by Moody, and if you will now turn from your sin and trust Jesus, will take Him as your own personal Saviour, I beg you to sign the decision form below, copy it in a letter, and mail it to the editor now. Do not wait! First make sure that in your heart you honestly turn to Jesus, want Him to save you, depend on Him and rely upon Him to forgive you as He promised. Then sign your name, copy and mail the letter and set out to live for Christ. Here is a suggested form for your letter.

Evangelist John R. Rice, Editor,  
SWORD OF THE LORD,  
Box 420, Wheaton, Illinois

Dear Brother Rice:

I have read the sermon by D. L. Moody on "Christ Seeking Sinners." I am a poor sinner who needs saving. I am glad to believe what Jesus said, that He loves sinners and came to save them. I am unworthy, I cannot save myself. But I know that Jesus can save me. So here and now I confess myself a sinner, I ask Jesus to forgive me, and now, this moment, I depend upon Him and rely upon Him and turn my case over to Him to save me. The best I know how I give the Lord Jesus my heart today and accept His forgiveness and set out to live for Him. I will claim Him openly as my Saviour.

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Psalm 19

God Reveals Himself in the World and the Word

### Clues Across

- 2, 5 "\_\_\_\_\_ declare the glory of God."
- 10 "the foundations of the world were discovered \_\_\_\_\_ thy rebuke, O Lord" Ps. 18
- 12 the initials of the first high priest and his second son (Exod. 6:23)
- 13 the father of Anub (I Chron. 4:8)
- 14 "I destroyed . . . his \_\_\_\_\_" Amos 2
- 16 the king of Tyre; a friend of Solomon (I Kings 5:12)
- 18 "\_\_\_\_\_ unto \_\_\_\_\_ sheweth knowledge"
- 19 a temporary resting place, such as the Israelites used (Exod. 14:19) (two words)
- 21 "Sing us \_\_\_\_\_ of the songs of Zion" Ps. 137
- 22 "the heavens \_\_\_\_\_ the glory of God"
- 26 "\_\_\_\_\_ firmament sheweth his handiwork"
- 28 the father of Shuppim and Hupim (I Chron. 7:12)
- 29 land to which Cain fled (Gen. 4:16)
- 32 "over Edom will I cast out my \_\_\_\_\_" Ps. 60
- 34 belonging to the wife of Abraham (Gen. 21:2)
- 37 "their words \_\_\_\_\_ the end of the world"
- 38 "the firmament sheweth his \_\_\_\_\_ work"
- 39 "mourneth by \_\_\_\_\_ of affliction" Ps. 88
- 42 "the testimony of the Lord is \_\_\_\_\_, making wise the simple"
- 44 "and shalt surely \_\_\_\_\_ him sufficient" Deut. 15
- 45 any flat surface, as of the ground
- 46 "All they that \_\_\_\_\_ me laugh me to scorn" Ps. 22
- 48 "\_\_\_\_\_ them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun"
- 49 "this is \_\_\_\_\_ holy man of God" II Kings 4
- 50, 51, and 52 "The heavens declare the \_\_\_\_\_"

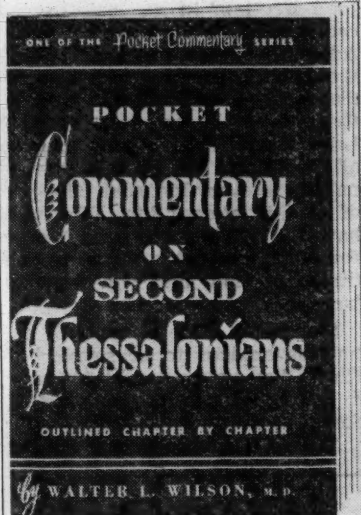
### Clues Down

- 1 "Moreover by them is thy servant \_\_\_\_\_"
- 3 "In them \_\_\_\_\_ he set a tabernacle for the sun"
- 4 "As far as the \_\_\_\_\_ is from the west" Ps. 103
- 5 "there is nothing hid from the \_\_\_\_\_ thereof"
- 6 man who caused defeat at Ai (Josh. 7)
- 7 "There is no speech nor language where their \_\_\_\_\_ is not heard"
- 8 scribe and priest in Jerusalem after the captivity (Neh. 12:26)
- 9 "the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the \_\_\_\_\_"
- 11 king of Hamath (II Sam. 8:9)
- 15 king of Bashan (Num. 32:33)
- 17 "in the night season, and \_\_\_\_\_ not silent" Ps. 22
- 20 "\_\_\_\_\_ who is a rock save our God?" Ps. 18
- 23 "He maketh me to \_\_\_\_\_ down in green pastures" Ps. 23
- 24 a place of Moab (Num. 21:28)
- 25 father of Ahira (Num. 1:15)
- 27 "In them hath \_\_\_\_\_ set a tabernacle for the sun"
- 30 "priest for ever after the \_\_\_\_\_ of Melchizedek" Ps. 110
- 31 "\_\_\_\_\_ unto \_\_\_\_\_ uttereth speech"
- 32 "rejoiceth as a \_\_\_\_\_ man to run a race"
- 33 an implement for weeding and cultivating
- 34 "more in number than the \_\_\_\_\_" Ps. 139
- 35 a city near Egypt (Gen. 25:18)
- 36 "The fear of the Lord is \_\_\_\_\_, enduring for ever"
- 38 "sweeter also than \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ comb"
- 40 "yea, for the rebellious \_\_\_\_\_" Ps. 68
- 41 a prophet (I Sam. 9:9)
- 42 "When the morning stars \_\_\_\_\_ together" Job 38:7
- 43 "Have ye not \_\_\_\_\_?" Matt. 12
- 47 "their words \_\_\_\_\_ the end of the world."

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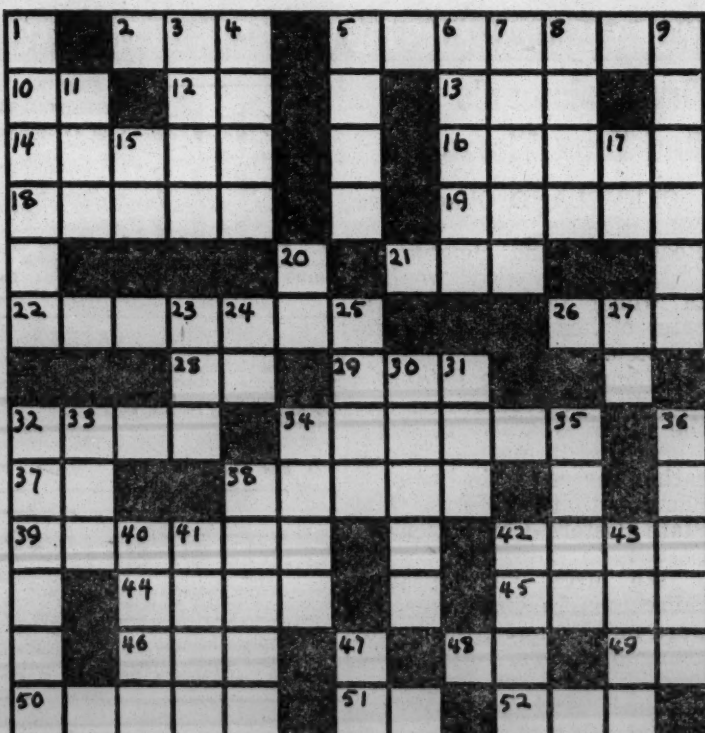
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## Beauty and the Beast

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intelligent person will risk his home, his children, his happiness, his job, his future—just for the beer can, the wine glass or the whiskey flask!

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Hatred instead of happiness.  
Gloom instead of God.

What a commentary on the depravity of the human heart!

But all of the life of Nabal could be summed up in one word: UNBELIEF! Like all other lost men, Nabal went his own way

(see Isaiah 53:6). He did not go to Hell simply because he got drunk, or because he was rude, or because he was rich. He lost his soul for the same reason every lost man does—he went his own way, refusing to believe that “the wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God” (Ps. 9:17). All one has to do to be lost forever is to forget God. “He that believeth not is condemned already!”

Had he believed God he would not have been ungrateful.

Had his been a life of faith it would have expelled selfishness.

Had he sought the Lord he could have been changed from evil to good.

Had he believed God he would not have put his stomach ahead of his soul.

If he had known the Lord he would have known that drink would ruin him.

Like Nabal, multitudes have thought they could ignore God.

Like Nabal, they make their way down to destruction.

Like Nabal, they choose darkness rather than light.

Nabal sneered at the servants of David (v. 10), but you sneer at the infallible Word of God by your rejection of Christ.

Nabal had little chance to hear much of the Word of God. You have ample chance to hear and read all of it!

God has made it impossible for you to ignore this matter! The bloody cross of Jesus stands squarely in your path. You must accept His death for you or perish eternally.

Nabal had no church, no tracts, no New Testament, no SWORD OF THE LORD in his home. You can have all of these things!

Your condemnation is far greater than that of Nabal if you're not saved!

Nabal slept his drunken sleep until God turned him to stone. He died and “God returned the wickedness of Nabal upon his own head.” Then it was too late.

For you, too, it will one day be too late!

## Rice Biography Free

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phy, *Man Sent From God*, for \$20. (A \$33.50 value for only \$20.)

### A Personal Word From the Editor

Let me say frankly that I am a little embarrassed to announce the biography of my life. However, since God has answered so many prayers, since God has so graciously blessed weak efforts, since God has saved many precious souls through this weak instrument, I trust that God will get some glory out of the telling of God's blessings. For it is a story of God's blessings.

Some of the book I have read. Three chapters and the introduction I have not read. Mr. Sumner has done much research, looking through all the issues of THE SWORD OF THE LORD for twenty-four years, talking to this editor, my secretary and family, reading the mail, making notes on incidents and illustrations mentioned in my sermons. So, although the book is written from a most kindly and sympathetic viewpoint, it

is really a factual and carefully written history of God's dealings with this poor sinner. I am anxious to see it, and look forward gladly to its coming in a few days. We expect the book to be in our hands by May 25 and your orders will be filled as rapidly as possible. Many have already purchased the book at the prepublication price.

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## Kids Korner

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in the busy market place to buy some trinkets to send back home to the folks. As I stood fingering the stuff I noticed a shabbily dressed boy, with a deep scar across his dark cheek. He was selling some little books. I walked over to him and he glanced up. I could not be mistaken—it was Abdul Khan! He was selling Gospels of John. I couldn't help hugging him right there on the street, and he hugged me. It was like meeting a long lost brother.

“He took me to the little mission where he stayed and we talked far into the night. He told me how he had started at Matthew, the first chapter in the New Testament, planning to read it straight through. In chapter 10 he said he came upon some words that burned into his heart. He read, ‘Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven.’

“After I read that in God's Word, I knew I had to tell my father, Hassan Ali, that I was a Christian,” said Abdul Khan. “I had to tell him no matter what it cost me. My father flew into a rage and took from me the beautiful Arabian horse that I dearly loved. But still I did not give up my belief in the Lord Jesus Christ. When my father saw that I would not be changed, he took from me my beautiful clothes and the privileges of a son; he made me as a servant and I was disgraced before the men in my father's household. Then I was beaten and one day angered beyond himself, my father threw his short spear at me, yelling as he did so, ‘Out of my presence, ungrateful one. You are no son of Hassan Ali!’ My mother, at the risk of her own life, helped me to escape. I was often hungry and in much need, but God cared for me.”

“Finally he found Christian missionaries who took him in, but he was poor—poorer than the poorest. Abdul Khan who had ridden the fleetest steed in Arabia and had worn garments fit for a king, who had commanded a thousand men and who had jewels fit for a rajah, had given it all up for love of the Lord Jesus Christ.

“I knew now why I had never sold the diamond ring. I reached inside my shirt and unpinned the ring and said, ‘Abdul Khan, hold out your hand; your brother wishes to give you a gift.’ And I placed his diamond in his hand.

“Thank you, my brother,” was all he said. I found out later that he had been praying for money to come to the United States and study in one of our Bible schools. He knew and I knew that this was God's way of answering his prayers.

“And that is the story of the dark-skinned boy you saw scrubbing the floors,” finished Uncle Pete.

As I looked through the glass at Abdul Khan, who was way down at the end of the corridor by this time, I thought to myself, “Abdul Khan, son of Hassan Ali, the most powerful sheik in Arabia, would never scrub floors, but Abdul Khan, a son of God, would.” I opened the door a bit and heard him singing as he scrubbed. His voice was deep and clear and the words very distinct, “Great is thy faithfulness, O God, my Father.”

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## I Want to Make a Little Confession!

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been read. But all I needed to do was to look at his face to see he was pleased with a job well done. I was delighted that Bob pictured him in a chapter or two as we who work with him know him—the kind, considerate, loveable gentleman that he is. You who read after him in THE SWORD no doubt judge him often as a hard-to-get-along-with, contentious man who is always harping on something or somebody. You don't know some things you ought to know about him—that he is a very compassionate man who grieves deeply when he must lose a friend for the Gospel's sake; that he is a great man of prayer and faith; the most courteous person you will meet anywhere; the best sport at a picnic; a devoted and considerate husband; the most loved dad to his children and grandchildren; one whom his workers love and respect dearly. Yes, Bob has properly pictured him in two chapters, “And My House” and “Personality Portrait,” as the man he really is.

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he is gone in speaking engagements. And his workers?

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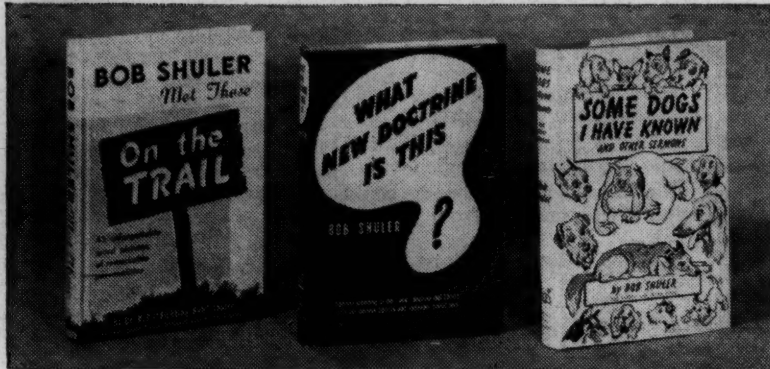
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